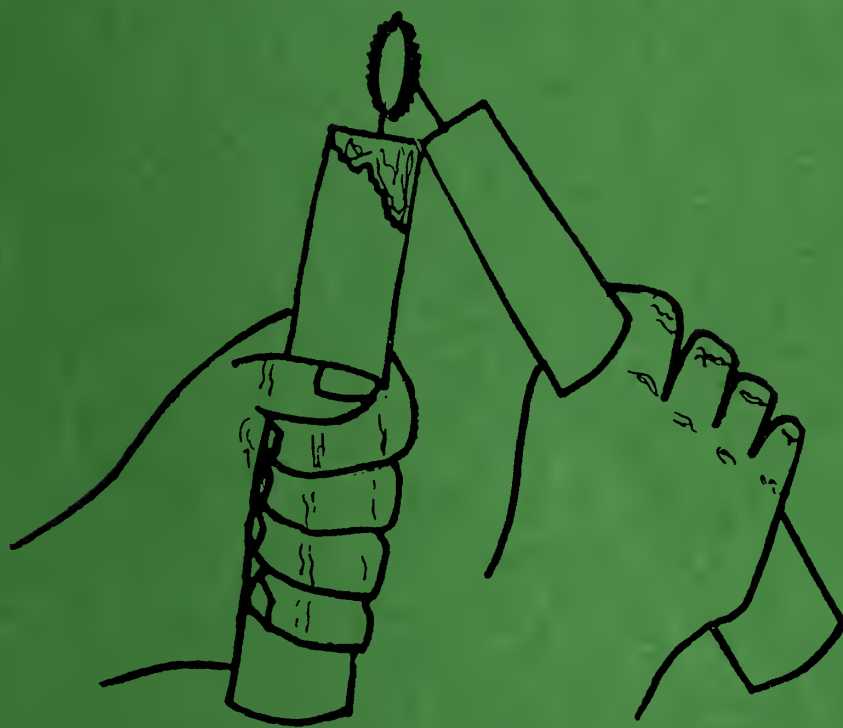


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UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
LOUISIANA CONFERENCE
THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

1996 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 19-21	Leadership Training Event (LTE) formerly NOTE Annette, Gwen, Rita; Eloise and Rosalie
January 25-26	Convocation of Boards, Baton Rouge
January 28	UMW Sunday
January 26-27	Task Force on Annual Meeting, Monroe
February 9-10	Mid-Year Executive Committee, Tall Timbers
February 24	Finance Committee
April 7	EASTER
April 16-26	General Conference, Denver Colorado
May 3-5	SCJ/UMW Quadrennial Meeting, Omaha, Nebraska
June 3-6	Louisiana Annual Conference, Centenary College, Shreveport
June 21-25	West Gulf Regional School, McMurry University, Abilene, TX
July 14-19	South Central Jurisdictional Conference, Kansas City
July 23-24	Committee Meetings
July 25-28	School of Christian Mission, Centenary College
July 27-Aug 4	World Federation of Methodist Women Assembly, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
August/September	District Mini-Schools
September 19	Executive Committee, Monroe
September 20-21	UMW Annual Meeting, First UMC, Monroe
October 5-6-12-13	UMW District Annual Meetings
October 19	District Elected Leaders Training (DELT), Lois Heath, Chairperson
October 20-22	Mission Education Event, Dulac
October/November	Local Elected Leaders Training (LELT) in each district
December	Local unit annual reports due to district president
1997	
January 26	UMW Sunday
March 30	EASTER
Spring	UMW Conference Retreat

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IN MEMORY OF
GENEVA BELL

August 17, 1925 - May 10, 1995

Enthusiasm, compassion, dedication, reliability, diligence and commitment are words that described Geneva Bell. Geneva was a very active and faithful member of Warren United Methodist Church. At the time that her health failed, she was serving the church as liturgist, chairperson of the Work Area on Stewardship, a member of the Finance committee, Council on Ministries, and Administrative Board. For several decades she worked closely with Warren's Calendar Tea, a major fund raising project.

Geneva's enthusiastic commitment to missions and service date back to her very active participation in the Wesleyan Service Guild. She served as an officer of the Guild, local, district, and conference United Methodist Women. She served the Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women as Mission Coordinator for Christian Social Involvement and also served on the Louisiana Conference Board of Church and Society. She served the Lake Charles District as Chairperson and Co-chairperson of the District Council on Ministries. At the time of her death, she was Chairperson of the Mary McGriff Bell Circle.

THE PURPOSE OF UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The organized unit of UNITED METHODIST WOMEN shall be a community of women whose PURPOSE is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

PURPOSE OF THE WOMEN'S DIVISION

The Women's Division shall be actively engaged in fulfilling the mission of the Church and shall interpret the PURPOSE OF UNITED METHODIST WOMEN. With continuing awareness of the concerns and responsibilities of the Church in today's world, the Women's Division shall be an advocate for the oppressed and dispossessed with special attention to the needs of women and children; shall work to build a supportive community among women; shall engage in activities which foster growth in the Christian faith, mission education, and Christian social involvement throughout the organization. (Discipline Paragraph 1421)

THE COVER

The design on the cover was created by Randall Henry, an Art Instructor at Southern University in Baton Rouge. He also designed the UMW ribbon.

DEDICATION

The dedication was written by Joyce Hazel who is a former district president and is the 1996 Conference School of Mission Dean. Joyce and Geneva worked on many United Methodist Women district and conference activities together.

OUR POLICY

IT IS AGAINST THE POLICY OF THE WOMEN'S DIVISION TO RELEASE LISTS OF OFFICERS TO ANY ORGANIZATIONS OR COMMERCIAL FIRMS. THESE LISTS ARE PUBLISHED FOR THE USE OF THE LOCAL, DISTRICT, AND CONFERENCE OFFICERS OF THE LOUISIANA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN ONLY AND ARE TO BE USED FOR THE PROMOTION OF THE WORK OF THE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN.

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 Noel (127) Nan Bland (Mrs. Cecil), 254 College, Shreveport 71104
 North Highlands (80) Wanda Timmons-Simons (Mrs.), 3836 Cornell, Shreveport 71107
 Round Grove (12) Inell Myers (Mrs. Tommie), 2573 David Raines Rd, Shreveport 71107
 St James (45) Aline Watkins (Mrs.), 1401 Clay St, Shreveport 71101
 St Luke's (30) Nan Wibker (Mrs. Roland), 128 Carroll, Shreveport 71115
 St Paul (39) Ramona Gibson (Mrs.) P. O. Box 897 Shreveport 71162
 Summer Grove (92) Carolyn Bahm (Mrs. Jim), 9448 Boxwood Dr, Shreveport 71118
 Zwolle (20) Lois Boren (Mrs. Hollis), Rt 1, Box 1512, Hemphill, TX 75948

1996 BUDGET
LOUISIANA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

PLEDGE TO MISSION \$ 250,000.00

ADMINISTRATIVE & MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

A. Travel Expenses: (Mileage, Lodging & Insurance) Executive Committee, for Interconference Events & Responsibilities; Church-related Meetings.	5,500.00
B. Officer Resources, Service Center Mailing, etc.	200.00
C District Admin. & Membership Development	16,915.00
D. Jurisdiction A & MD (1% of Pledge)	2,500.00
E. Schools of Christian Mission	
1. Regional	7,500.00
2. Conference	10,000.00
F. Program & Events Within Louisiana Conference	
1. Annual Meeting	1,200.00
2. DELT	500.00
3. Retreat 1997 (Deposit Only)	1,500.00
G Attendance at Regional & National Events	
1. Assembly, 1998 (Cumulative 4 Years)	2,300.00
2. Jurisdiction, 1996 (Cumulative 4 Years)	600.00
3. National Seminar, 1995 (Cum. 4 Years)	300.00
H. Operating Expenses	
1. Conference Directory	2,000.00
2. Newsletter (Including Bulk Postage)	6,000.00
3. Postage	1,000.00
4. Office Supplies and Printing (Copying)	850.00
5. Telephone	550.00
6. Audit for 1995	1,800.00
7. Honors and Memorials	400.00
8. Dependent Care Subsidy	1,000.00
I. Church Women United	<u>300.00</u>

TOTAL A & MD BUDGET FOR 1996	\$ 62,915.00	\$ 62,915.00
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<u>TOTAL CONFERENCE BUDGET FOR 1996</u>	<u><u>\$ 312,915.00</u></u>
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LOUISIANA CONFERENCE U.M.W. - 1995 REPORT OF GIVING (1/1/95 THRU 12/31/95)

DISTRICTS	ACADIANA	ALEXANDRIA	BATON ROUGE	LAKE CHAR.	MONROE	NEW ORLS.	NORTH SHORE	RUSTON	SHREVEPORT	CONFERENCE	TOTALS
CHANNELS OF GIVING:	PLEDGE	26,000.00	37,500.00	42,000.00	28,000.00	45,000.00	21,500.00	32,000.00	47,000.00	298,000.00	
UNDESIGNATED:											
Pledge to Mission	14,033.44	21,918.19	35,944.42	32,723.24	22,801.08	31,696.15	13,319.00	19,658.09	36,710.55	2,985.30	231,789.46
Special Mission Recognition	1,280.00	1,180.00	1,960.00	2,030.00	990.00	2,040.00	1,470.00	1,470.00	2,290.00	1,280.00	15,990.00
Gift to Mission	350.75	280.00	580.91	1,383.92	440.00	415.00	690.00	492.00	825.00	100.00	5,557.58
Gift in Memory	425.00	406.50	623.00	652.00	255.00	396.55	480.00	345.00	755.00	45.00	4,383.05
World Thank Offering	2,204.44	959.20	3,727.97	3,752.59	1,931.46	2,111.87	1,493.55	2,660.56	2,835.84		21,677.48
Conf. Mission Candle	1,368.90	659.95	1,515.58	1,449.45	878.54	1,346.67	610.95	1,174.55	1,748.98	(231.00)	10,522.57
Conf. Mission Ribbons	446.00	319.00	1,056.00	627.00	399.00	533.00	256.00	758.00	1,071.00	(1,150.00)	4,315.00
Conf. Retiring Officers	275.00	142.50	225.00	346.50	114.00	102.00	120.00	200.00	151.50	(650.00)	1,026.50
Unused A&MD Returned		1,000.00	303.99		337.68		1,500.00		551.43	2,316.34	6,009.44
TOTAL ON PLEDGE	20,383.53	26,865.34	45,936.87	42,964.70	28,146.76	38,641.24	19,939.50	26,758.20	46,939.30	4,695.64	301,271.08
										LESS A & MD (Retained/Reserved)	(40,560.73)
										TOTAL PAID ON PLEDGE	260,710.35
DESIGNATED:											
Call to Prayer and Self-Denial	1,007.26	1,034.49	1,836.34	1,661.45	897.69	1,464.23	939.86	1,334.85	1,559.25		11,735.42
Supplementary Gifts:											
General Mission:											
Hope & Wholeness			79.00	350.00	249.00		170.00	70.00			918.00
Assembly Offering			36.44				5.00				36.44
Scarritt-Bennett Center			60.00		127.50	175.00					5.00
World Mission			75.00								75.00
Hammond - Zaire			25.00								25.00
D.Brown-Sierra Leone											
World Hunger			15.00		3.75	820.34	10.00				889.09
National Mission	50.00		971.00	1,788.00	350.00	303.00	305.00	1,425.00	475.00		6,227.00
Dulac	215.00	395.00	1,274.75	1,813.00	350.00	409.34	595.00	1,490.00	495.00		6,953.09
MacDonnell's	271.00	255.00	959.60	600.50	275.00	150.00	55.00	1,695.33	400.00		4,185.43
St. Mark's	50.00	200.00									200.00
Four Corners Native Am. Ministry			138.00			20.00			100.00		258.00
People's Community Center			87.00								87.00
Potato Project ADV #801-600-0				347.50		125.00	155.00	50.00	10.00		677.50
Lydia Patterson Institute			15.00								362.83
UMCOR	25.00		362.83					150.00	200.00		715.00
Disaster Relief - Baldwin, La.			175.00		165.00		105.00				105.00
Sager Brown	25.00										100.00
African Water Well Project											25.00
New Orleans Flood Victims											59.03
Oklahoma City Bombing							59.03		25.00		71.48
Flood Relief							71.48				103.50
World Hunger			9.00			60.00	3.50		6.00		30.00
Crusade Scholarships	25.00		5.00								6,270.02
Magazine Fund	25.00		589.00	776.50	505.00	539.75	487.00	393.00	936.10	1,011.17	2,332.20
Conference A & MD Gifts	443.00	589.50		200.00	193.00	80.00	1,002.20	7.00	850.00		465.00
Conference Center			52.00	74.00	72.00	14.00	51.00	66.00	34.00		525.50
Conference Directory	58.00	44.00	25.00	60.00		180.00	150.50	25.00			0.00
Fstelle Dameron Scholarships		85.00									
TOTAL DESIGNATED	2,194.26	2,602.99	6,789.96	7,670.95	3,187.94	4,440.66	4,164.57	6,706.18	5,090.35	1,011.17	43,859.03
Transient Gifts (Not Included in Total Giving)	155.00		780.80	81.00		20.00		10.00	100.00		1,146.80
TOTAL GIVING 1995	22,577.79	29,468.33	52,726.83	50,635.65	31,334.70	43,081.90	24,104.07	33,464.38	52,029.65	5,706.81	345,130.11

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE U.M.W.
BALANCE SHEET - 12/31/95

	MISSION FUNDS UNDESIGNATED (Conf. A & MD)	RESERVE FUNDS (Designated By Conf. Exec.)	RESTRICTED FUNDS (By Donor)	TOTAL
ASSETS				
Cash in Checking Accounts				
Evangeline - Pineville (Reconciled)	1,616.73			1,616.73
Hibernia - Metairie (Reconciled)	21,087.99	17,824.01	32.00	38,944.00
TOTAL ASSETS				40,560.73
LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES				
Restricted Funds (By Donor for Within Conference)				
1. Estelle Dameron Scholarship Fund			32.00	
2. La. Conf. Center Furnishings			0.00	
3. Transient Designated Funds (To Be Distributed Within Conf.)				
a. Methodist Home - New Orleans			0.00	
b. Methodist Home - Ruston			0.00	
			<u>32.00</u>	32.00
Reserve Funds (Designated by Conf. Exec.)				
1. 1995 National Seminar (Cum. 4 Yrs.)		0.00		
2. 1996 Jurisdiction Meeting (Cum. 4 Yrs.)		1,800.00		
a. Local Scholarship from Jurisdiction		300.00		
3. 1998 National Assembly (Cum. 4 Yrs.)		2,300.00		
4. Conf. Retiring Officer Fund - 1995		0.00		
		<u>4,400.00</u>		4,400.00
Mission Funds (Undesignated - A & MD)				
1. A & MD Funds Held in Reserve For:				
a. 1996 A&MD Gifts + 1994 Interest		7,154.11		
b. 1997 A&MD Gifts + 1995 Interest		6,270.02		
		<u>13,424.13</u>		13,424.13
2. A & MD Funds Available for Budget:	22,614.60			22,614.60
3. Other Funds to be Disbursed/Remitted:				
a. To Women's Division:	0.00			
b. SMR Funds Held Awaiting Names (New Orleans)	90.00			
c. Program Resource Sale Funds	<u>0.00</u>			
	90.00			90.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES				40,560.73

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE UMW - 1995
Administrative & Membership Development

ITEM	1995 BUDGET	EXPENSES & CREDITS	BALANCE
A. TRAVEL (Incl.Lodging & Meals)	5,000.00		
Insurance		(530.70)	
Lodging/Meals: Executive Committee		(732.00)	
" " " Other Conference Committees		(53.89)	
" " " Interconf. & Church Meetings		(75.00)	
Mileage: Executive Committee		(1,973.23)	
" Other Conference Committees		(763.58)	
" Interconf. & Church Meetings		(358.00)	
TOTAL TRAVEL		(4,486.40)	513.60
B. OFFICER RESOURCES (Serv.Ctr.Mailing, etc.)	100.00	(211.55)	(111.55)
C. DISTRICT A & MD	15,945.00	(11,413.57)	4,531.43
D. JURISDICTION A & MD (1% of Pledge)	2,980.00	(2,980.00)	0.00
E. SCHOOLS OF CHRISTIAN MISSION:			
1. Gulf West Regional School	8,000.00	(6,273.76)	1,726.24
2. La. Conference School	7,500.00	(10,248.60)	(2,748.60)
F. PROGRAMS & EVENTS WITHIN LA. CONF.:			
1. Annual Meeting	1,200.00	874.96	2,074.96
2. DELT	4,000.00	(3,931.04)	68.96
3. 1995 Retreat	N/B	1,093.88	1,093.88
G. REGIONAL & NATIONAL EVENTS:			
1. 1998 National Assembly (Cum. 4 Yrs.)	2,300.00	(2,300.00)	0.00
2. 1996 Jurisdiction Meeting (Cum. 4 Yrs.)	600.00	(600.00)	0.00
3. 1995 National Seminar (Cum. 4 Yrs.)	250.00	450.00	700.00
4. Jurisdiction Education for Mission	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
H. OPERATING EXPENSES			
1. Conference Directory	1,000.00	(2,489.30)	(1,489.30)
2. Newsletter	6,000.00	(5,578.01)	421.99
3. Postage	1,000.00	(612.29)	387.71
4. Office Supplies & Copying	850.00	(746.98)	103.02
5. Telephone	550.00	(354.54)	195.46
6. Audit	1,800.00	0.00	1,800.00
7. Honors & Memorials	400.00	(210.00)	190.00
8. Dependent Care Subsidy	1,000.00	(30.00)	970.00
I. CHURCH WOMEN UNITED (CWU)	300.00	(300.00)	0.00
J. MISC. - NOT BUDGETED			
1. Tote Bags (Cost Paid w/'94 A&MD Funds)	N/B	411.00	411.00
TOTALS	62,775.00	(49,936.20)	12,838.80

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE UMW
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
EXPENSE GUIDELINES
(Amended 9/15/95)

United Methodist Women recognize the need to be an inclusive group and to have elected leaders who represent a diversity of age, race, economic background, and status of employment. To make this possible, a Budget for Conference Administration and Membership Development is approved annually to provide expenses for those chosen to serve in leadership positions. The following guidelines for reimbursement (along with the Conference Budget) seek to expand the concept of what it means to be in mission.

Expense vouchers are available from the conference treasurer and **must be filled out in full** when applying for reimbursement and submitted to the conference treasurer and approved by the conference president and secretary. Expenses for specific meetings should be turned in at the close of that meeting, if possible, or not later than the next week. Expense vouchers should be submitted within the quarter which the expense occurs when possible. **All possible receipts must be attached to expense vouchers.**

Leaders are advised to submit all legitimate expenses for doing their job well. If someone cares to donate supplies or services which normally would be covered under these guidelines, please submit a voucher for those charges and then endorse the check (or refund part of it) directly to the conference treasurer.

Conference officers are asked to pay their own registration fees to Conference events without reimbursement. They are often expected to pay their own room, meal, and travel expenses and then submit the receipt(s) with a voucher applying for reimbursement. If this arrangement causes personal hardship, a cash advance to cover expected costs may be requested from the conference treasurer. Expenses in excess of conference limitations require prior approval.

Every call letter or written announcement of upcoming events requiring "official participation" of conference leaders shall mention further specific plans for financial arrangement(s) not delineated herein (such as whether the individual leaders will pay or sign for meals and lodging).

The following limitations should be noted:

A. Travel Expenses

1. **Thirteen (13) cents per mile shall be allowed for travel by car.** When a minimum 10-seat van is occupied by at least six (6) or more people in a car pool, mileage will be paid at a flat rate of twenty-five (25) cents per mile.

To encourage car pooling, officers will be paid an **additional two (2) cents per mile for each additional rider in a car or mini-van.** When district and conference officers travel together with expenses provided by their respective organizations, they shall submit pro rata shares of the expenses of these groups. Riders other than district and conference officers must assume their share of the expense.

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Louisiana Conference UMW
Executive Committee Expense Guidelines
Amended 9/15/95

A. Travel Expenses (Cont'd)

2. Lodging may be reimbursed at a rate **up to \$10.00 per person per day**.
3. Meals may be reimbursed at a rate **up to \$12.50 per person per day** (to be divided between meals as desired). Meals for events that are **less than one day** will be reimbursed at a rate **up to \$2.50** for breakfast, **\$5.50** for lunch, and **\$7.00** for dinner.

B. Officers Resources

Materials which are necessary for information and execution of your job (such as Service Center publications) may be purchased and become the property of the Conference organization. Most of these materials should be maintained in the files you keep and pass on to successors. Utmost care should be taken that we do not needlessly duplicate materials which cover overlapping concerns of other leaders.

C. Operating Expenses

Postage, office supplies, copy charges, long distance telephone charges, and other miscellaneous charges are allowable. Receipts for these expenses are to be attached to the voucher. The use of professional secretarial services and large numbers of xerox copies are discouraged; and prior approval is required for these expenses.

D. Dependent Care Subsidy

A Dependent Care Subsidy plan was adopted April 25, 1992. When a member of the Conference Executive Committee (elected or appointed) is required to attend Annual Meeting, Conference School of Christian Mission, Regional School of Christian Mission, Mid-Year Executive Committee meeting, District Elected Leaders Training, or a Women's Division Workshop, she MAY be paid a Dependent Care Subsidy up to \$30.00 per day for hired care required for children 12 years of age or under/ or for an invalid (ill, handicapped, blind) parent/spouse/ or other dependent person residing in her home -- providing this is an absolute necessity and that no other family member or friend is available to do this for her.

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
MID-YEAR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
February 10-11, 1995

The Mid-Year Executive Committee, Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women Meeting was held at Tall Timbers Conference Center. The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m. Pat Cobb, President, presided.

Members present: Pat Cobb, Hilda D. Sills, Fannie P. Reddix, Mary Quinones, Lou Medlock, Muriel Miller, Marie Young, Lottie Palazzo, Jan Randolph, Harriette Elrod, Lois Heath, Kathleen Conrad, Judy Greer, Betty Carlin, Cathy Parker, Emily McCoy, Margie Morrish, Rita Parham, Nell Hayes, June Sanchez, Gail Epperson, Jean Rockhold, Carolyn Colvin, Norma Winegeart, Joyce Hazel, Ethel Lilly, Joyce Armstrong, Elouise Sanders, Jane Deville and Almeda Ledoux. **Absent:** Helen Allemond, whose husband had a heart attack; Vera Bullock, who is ill; Joan Miller, whose close friend of the family was involved in a serious accident; Nancy Carruth, involved in Church business; and Maxie Garrett--conflict in schedule.

Special Concerns: Carolyn Colvin's mother-in-law passed. Pat Cobb attended the funeral of Hilda Sills' mother; a gift to mission was given in her memory. Geneva Bell will have surgery on Monday morning. (February 13). Lois told us that Geneva has been staying with her daughter in Baton Rouge, for the past month. Cards for Helen Allemond, Vera Bulloch and Joan Miller were circulated and signed by those present.

The Devotion was given by Rita Parham with emphasis on "women in missions." The February, 1995 issue of the Guidepost was her text. She ended by encouraging us to continue to be in mission and to bless our organization's leaders.

Pat encouraged us to read the article in the February Response Magazine about "Women in Mission."

Appointments. Gail Epperson and Hilda D. Sills were appointed to examine the minutes.

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved as printed.

Directory Update. Fannie said that the directories would be ready in time for the retreat. Pat asked the district presidents to be responsible for receiving the conference directories for their **district.** (or appoint someone to receive them)

Correspondence. Pat received a letter from Karen Ujereh.

Reports from NOTE: Membership - Harriette Elrod. Harriette thanked us for the privilege of attending NOTE. She said that Ressie Mae Bass, Executive Secretary for Membership and Organizational Development at Women's Division, conducted the training sessions for membership. Ressie prepared a packet for each participant that included the reproduction of the popular collection of writings called, "What Is This I Belong To?" Harriette mailed a copy of the handouts to each conference membership committee member.

Supportive Community - Lou Medlock. Lou said that NOTE was officially opened on December 2, 1994 with the introduction of the officers, staff, worship and an address by Barbara Campbell titled, "History of Women Organized for Mission." The worship services for the sessions were taken from the **New Policy Statement, Ministries with Women and Ministries with Children and Youth, a Gift for the Whole Church.** She said each day was broken into "Recalling Our Story," "Telling Our Story," and "Celebrating our Story." The leaders were: Ann Kerchival Short and Julie Tulloch. The topics stressed were: Team Building, group spirit, enthusiasm, open communication and collaboration make up team building. They were encouraged to develop skills to deal with conflict, include theology, plan fellowship activities and training sessions, work on concerns of women and children with mission team, ecumenical groups, and secular organizations. They were given a notebook with plenty of resources to carry out the commitment of coordinating supportive community. Lou thanked us for the opportunity

to attend NOTE.

Christian Social Involvement - Muriel M. Miller. Muriel said that as a newly elected officer, she was not familiar with the purpose of NOTE. She found that the purposes of the **New Officer Training Event** are: to emphasize the biblical and theological basis of the PURPOSE OF UNITED METHODIST WOMEN; to focus on the history, finances, current issues and concerns of the WOMEN'S DIVISION which includes a forward look into the future; and to provide training in the basic job responsibilities of conference elected leaders of United Methodist Women.

The event was inspiring and very informative. The meetings were well planned, worship was uplifting, and the opening plenary was very interesting. They heard outstanding speakers who make interesting comments such as, "The ultimate tragedy is not the voice of the bad people, but the silence of the good people." "God will give the increase." "There is pain in the world." "A carpool cabinet is a group of women going to a UMW meeting who make decisions along the way."

Anna Rhee, Executive Secretary for Public Policy, General Board of Global Ministries, Women's Division conducted the training sessions. They received a well organized notebook filled with suggestions for planning and carrying out the work of Christian Social Involvement. NOTE ended on Sunday morning with worship, led by Joyce D. Sohl, Deputy General Secretary based on the Great Commission found in Matthew, "Go, make, teach, obey, and baptize."

Nominations: Ethel F. Lilly. Ethel thanked us for the opportunity to attend NOTE. She had the feeling that being a part of the Nominations Committee was **just a job**, but after attending NOTE, she feels that it is a sacred appointment. They were given something different, informative and exciting to look for each day. She said the group discussions were very enlightening.

They were informed that some of the assets of a good team are: to be open minded, cooperative, prayerful, punctual, a good listener, be flexible, good communicator, know the bylaws, be honest, attend training sessions and share responsibilities. Every officer is entitled to 8 years; some might have less, others may have more, depending on certain circumstances. Ethel said it was rewarding to meet and "rub shoulders" with authors of articles that appear in the Response Magazine.

Nominations: Jan Randolph, Chairperson. Jan said they were told that the Committee on Nominations is the **Steward of the gifts, graces, talents and skills of members** and to call forth these gifts for the glory of God.

Four members of the Nominating Committee joined 174 other women representing 64 of 68 conferences in an intense weekend of study and fellowship. Joyce Hazel, Ethel Lilly, Norma Winegeart and Jan came away with new enthusiasm and many ideas to improve the methods of choosing Louisiana's conference officers.

Jan said, they learned procedures, working as a team, inclusiveness, becoming a community, making it work back home and more about tenure than they ever thought possible. They were given a song to bring home that explains it in rhyme--TENURE SONG.

A copy of the song was given to the executive committee and all shared in the singing, led by the Nominations Committee, Joyce, Ethel, Norma and Jan.

Joyce and Norma also expressed thanks for the opportunity to attend NOTE and to serve on the committee.

President: Pat Cob. Since the Annual Meeting, Pat has been involved in the following: October 1 - New Orleans District Annual Meeting; October 4 - Methodist Children's Home Board Meeting, Ruston; October 8 - Conference Board of Laity Meeting, Alexandria; October 15 - DELT, Pineville; October 23 - Bishop's Club,

Methodist Foundation, New Orleans; November 12 - School of Christian Mission planning committee, Alexandria; November 13-14 - Quest for Quality, Tall Timbers; November 16 - Conference Planning and Research Committee, Baton Rouge; January 14 - Annual Meeting Task Force, Lafayette; January 22 - Spoke for UMW Sunday, Aurora UMC, New Orleans; January 26-27 - Convocation of Boards, Baton Rouge and January 29 - Spoke for UMW Sunday, St. Paul's, Monroe.

In addition to the above meetings, she has spent countless hours at her desk and on the telephone, keeping in contact with conference officers and others; fielding inquiries and requests from numerous persons, updating records and trying to be available when needed.

The past year and a half has been full and rewarding and she covets the prayers and support of each of you. She said, we really are a team, and she depends on us and the Lord to keep her on the right track.

Vice-President: - Hilda D. Sills. Hilda extended greetings to all of us, as we embark upon another year. She began this year as a bereaver due to the passing of her 88 year old mother on December 22, 1994. Pat Cobb and Fannie Reddix attended the funeral.

Hilda has attended/participated in the following: Church Women United of Greater New Orleans Annual Assembly, January 27 at Union Bethel AME Church; and Annual Meeting Committee Task Force meeting in Lafayette on January 14; and Mount Zion's UMW Sunday.

The materials that she has received from Joyce Hamlin for vice-presidents has been organized into a binder for each district, and were issued on Friday. The contents of the binders were divided into three sections: (1) Helps for Annual Meeting Planning; (2) material on programs, preparation, publicity, and inclusiveness, plus resources for training, and (3) other pertinent information. The materials from her previous office has been given to Lou Medlock, Coordinator for Supportive Community.

Secretary: Fannie P. Reddix. Fannie has had many opportunities to "Rekindle God's Gifts" since the Annual Meeting in Shreveport. The many activities included DELT, New Orleans District Annual Meeting, School of Mission Planning Meeting in Alexandria, and West Gulf Regional School of Christian Mission Planning meeting in Nashville, TN.

Fannie brought greetings from the Regional School planning meeting, along with the registration forms for each school committee member. The forms were to be returned to her before the end of the Mid-Year Meeting. There was a questions about arriving at regional school one day early. Fannie will contact Diane Vogler, Dean, to find out what the additional cost will be, and whether accommodations can be provided on the campus.

The Annual Report and Conference Directories are scheduled to be ready in time to be issued at the Conference Retreat. She will not be able to attend the retreat, because of the West Gulf Regional Planning Team meeting in Abilene, Texas on the same dates. The district presidents have been asked to assist in distributing the Annual Report/Directories to their officers and local units.

After completing 12 hours of study last semester, she is enrolled in 12 more this semester. She will chair the Mt. Zion United Methodist Women's Annual Style-Show-Luncheon for missions. As she continues this year's commitments, serving as assistant dean in our conference school and coordinating the learning resource center and table graces for the West Gulf Regional School, your continued prayers and supportive community is requested.

Treasurer: - Mary Quinones. Mary submitted copies of the 4th Quarter 1994 Remittance to Women's Division; a Revised Balance Sheet as of December 31, 1994; Report of 1994 A & MD Expenses and Credits; Combined District/Conference Annual Report of Giving for 1994; Conference Balance Sheet as of January 31, 1995;

Report of A & MD Income/Expenses for 1995 - through January 31, 1995. These reports will be filed.

The 4th Quarter - 1994 report to Women's Division, transmitted a total of \$109,986.78. Included in this amount was \$97,067.83 Undesignated and \$12,918.95 Designated. The Total Undesignated Giving for 1994 was \$237,689.93. She said our pledge of \$300,000.00 fell short by \$62,310.07.

Mary said that 78 tote bags were sold for a total of \$624.00. The total cost of the bags, including tax and setup, was \$827.50.

After the remaining 72 bags are sold, (which should yield, \$576.00) we should gain a profit of \$372.50. She said this is approximately the amount that we were in the "red" on the T-shirts. All T-shirts have been sold.

The 1994 sales for Mission Ribbons was \$4,389.00, with the 1995 ribbons costing \$1,120.00, yielded a profit of \$3,249.00. The 1995 ribbons should be a sell-out, because all of the districts were out of ribbons by UMW Sunday.

The 1994 Mission Candle total was \$10,285.57. After further analysis at the Spring meeting of the Finance Committee on April 22nd, Mary feels that she will be able to report on areas of greatest success and concern.

Secretary for Financial Interpretation: Lois R. Heath. Lois expressed thanks for being elected to this office. She is looking forward to working with the treasurer and the team. The Mission Candle Book and all of the other SFI materials were turned over to her.

Lois reported that 105 Units qualified in the UMW 1993-94 Five-Star Program for Undesignated Giving. She said this was an increase of 24 units. She attended DELT, taught in the Baton Rouge District Mini-School of Mission and her local unit. She will teach "Making the World Safe for Children" at First Methodist in Plaquemine in March and in April for the North Shore District.

Lois wasn't able to attend the Annual Meeting Task Force Meeting in January, however she has communicated with Mary Quinones and Kathleen Conrad. She submitted suggestions for the Annual Meeting logo, ideas for the mission ribbon and the cost for the mission candle for 1995, which will be filed. To support Mission through the Women's Division, burning the candle in 1995 will cost \$.64 for one second, \$38.55 for one minute, \$192.77 for five minutes, \$2,313.19 for one hour and \$55,516.66 for one day.

She plans to submit the Pledge Service and Candle Lighting Service for Annual Meeting, to Kathleen Conrad.

1995 Retreat: Seola Callahan, Chairperson. Seola reported that the bi-annual retreat will be held February 24-26, 1995 at Tall Timbers Retreat Center. Betty Ferrington will be the retreat leader. She has met with Betty Ferrington and Darlene Moore-James, the communion celebrant, in Baton Rouge to coordinate the program.

She feels certain that God's hand is in the planning of this event, and all who participate/work with it, will be blessed. Even though the event will take place so close to Mardi Gras and the Baton Rouge district will be holding their Annual Retreat on the following week, Norma has already received 94 registrations.

Seola, a member, will attend the Conference Center Trustee Board meeting this coming week. She said the board should make the final acceptance of the bids by April and shortly thereafter, construction will begin.

School of Christian Mission: Betty Carlin, Dean. Betty has received the Conference Agreement form from Centenary College. A check with the completed form needs to be mailed to Dick Anders, as soon as possible.

She said she needs the address of Twick Morrison, a possible speaker at the school, because all of her files have been turned over to Hilda Sills. She said Nancy Carruth called to say that she would not be able to speak on Thursday night, however she would be in Shreveport on Saturday. Kathy Shea called her to say that Judy and George Gross would be the music leaders.

Betty will be sending out a communication to all of the study leaders, to tell them about the financial policy for travel, book allowance, copying and the need for a picture and short biography for the newsletter.

Annual Meeting, 1995: Kathleen Conrad, Chairperson. Kathleen reported as chairperson of the 1995 Annual Meeting, in spite of being unable to obtain the keynote speaker, she celebrates with us the peace that she has experienced in receiving all of the affirmative responses from possible participants. The following have agreed to participate as follows: Installation of New Officers - Janelle McCammon; Honor Retiring Officers - Seola Callahan; Mission Candle Lighting - Luberda Myers; Devotional Leaders - Rev. Juliet Deschner, Rev. Darlene Moore-James, Rev. Ann Sutton and Communion Meditation Leader - Rev. Deborah Drash. The Communion Administrators are pending.

Bishop and Marilyn Oden sent a greeting with regrets that they will not be able to attend due to a quadrennial globe visitation in the Central European area. A copy of the letter will be filed.

The 1995 Annual Meeting Theme is: "PASS IT ON" -- Focus: Membership -- Theme Song: Pass It On (#572 United Methodist Hymnal)
--Theme Scripture: John 4:39 NIV and Ribbon and color design, pending.

She said Mary Smallwood, Local Arrangements Chairperson is planning a March meeting for local sub-committee chairpersons. Marilee Townsend will act as treasurer for this event, assisted by Kathleen Phillips.

It is her prayer, that God will make available a keynote speaker of His choosing soon! She continues to request that we pray with her and for her on this endeavor.

Evaluation of DELT, 1994: Marie Young, Chairperson. Marie reported the following: DELT was very good, with 82 in attendance. The speaker, Rev. Betsy Irvine, was most interesting, featuring Women and Children. Some of the comments made on the evaluation sheets were: - not enough time for training; - do not need a speaker; - need more time to share; - speaker very enjoyable and helpful and exciting tips; --- Conference Leaders: - The new ones need more training; - very little information on budget; -like to receive my District's share, and how much? -Number of units who received 5-star giving; - Need more time to talk about newsletter; - Microphone out for three years; - Lunch great; and - no greeters.

Five conference officers, fifty-eight district officers, and sixteen first-timers filled out evaluation sheets.

DELT 1995 - Joyce Hazel, Chairperson with Harriette Elrod as assistant.

Strategic Planning: The Executive Committee was asked to complete a survey summary form on "Strategic Planning." A copy of the results will be filed.

Women's Division Annual Meeting, 1995: The Women's Division is encouraging women to run for delegates to the General Conference. Applications can be obtained from your district superintendent or district lay leader.

South Central Jurisdiction Education for Mission: Cathy Parker. The previous events were 1. EL Paso, TX - March 17-18, 1994 visit to Lydia Patterson Institute and Houchens Community Center. 2. Kansas City, MO -

August 14-17, 1994 visit to Della Lamb Neighborhood House.

The future events are: 1. Fort Worth, TX - March 13-16, 1995 visit United Centers. They will be working at four different centers during the three days. And 2. Little Rock, AR - August 7-10, 1995 visit Camp Aldersgate.

We need to nominate 3 women for the March 13-16, Fort Worth, Texas visit, and the August 7-10 visit to Camp Aldersgate in Little Rock, AR.

The presidents' consultation which includes the 17 presidents of the West Gulf Region, Core Planning Committee of the South Central Jurisdiction, and 4 staff persons from the Women's Division will meet in New Orleans, May 4-6. Part of the activities will be a visit to St. Mark's Community center.

The night session ended with a prayer led by Pat.

Saturday Morning, 8:15 a.m.

Jean Rockhold, district president of the Ruston District, gave the morning devotion. It was based on The Great Physician.

After a brief discussion on how to handle finances when everyone does not/cannot utilize a car pool, it was decided that all should bring ideas for solutions to the April Finance Committee meeting. The areas of concern will be on the local, district and conference level.

Christian Social Involvement: Muriel Miller. As the new Coordinator of Christian Social Involvement, Muriel said she is making a brief report on her activities. Those activities included, NOTE in Chicago; a written communication to counterparts, pointing out certain issues for them to continually keep in their focus. With the letters, she enclosed copies of Anna Rhee's (by permission) analysis of the Congressional Contract with America. Also included were copies of the job description for Christian Social Involvement coordination, and suggestions for implementing the Charter For Racial Justice.

Muriel has tried to keep abreast of social issues and concerns which involves study and reading. She was a guest speaker on UMW Sunday at Bethel UMC. She has lifted statistics from the LA Methodist Reporter to be placed in her church bulletin concerning the plight of children in the United States.

Muriel has been invited to attend the 1995 Interfaith Impact Briefing and UMW Pre-Briefing Meeting in Washington, D.C., March 18-22. She is planning to attend and is looking forward to meeting Louisiana's Congressmen.

Supportive Community: Lou E. Medlock. Lou said she has put into practice some of the suggestions that were made at NOTE. Setting up a filing system for the materials received, and setting personal goals is just a beginning for her. She has also prepared a packet of materials for her counterparts on Sexual Harassment, and Violence Against Women. With the collaboration of the mission team, she is looking forward to carrying out the responsibilities of the Supportive Community Coordinator.

The following names and birthdays will be added to Birthday Calendar that she is preparing: January 6 - Norma Winegeart; May 4 - Muriel Miller; July 29 - June Sanchez; August 21 - Lou Medlock; September 16 - Ethel Lilly; September 21 - Jan Randolph; October 29 - Joyce Hazel; November 6 - Nell Hayes; and make the correction for Fannie's birthday which is March 5.

Christian Global Concerns: Marie Young. Marie reported at the last meeting that 84 Certificates of Excellence were given. After that meeting, 13 more were given, which brings the total up to 97. This is a large increase over the year, 1993.

She has contacted all of the district counterparts in regards to the 1995 program and to improve the area of Christian Global Concerns. Birthday cards are still being sent to all conference missionaries. All units have been urged to make accurate and timely reports.

Secretary for Program Resources: Lottie Palazzo. Lottie apologized for not attending DELT and the School of Christian Mission Planning Meeting, due to prior commitments. Lottie said that transferring carry-over literature from School of Mission to Annual Meeting has worked well the past two years. She said this year was her only time to be made aware of the cost of returning materials to Service Center. Nearly \$300 was spent for this shipping, which seems a lot, but she has no previous records for comparison. (She does recall hearing one of her predecessors mention an amount of \$400 after one School of Mission, but she has seen no record of this.)

Secretaries for Program Resources are encouraged by the Women's Division to have enough materials on hand at all of the large gatherings, so members are not disappointed. There was a large number of copies of the children's study textbooks left, after School of Mission. At the 1995 School of Mission, she plans to recruit members to assist in transporting some of the materials that will be held over for the Annual Meeting in Lafayette.

Lottie said she has literature for sale at this meeting, and will keep it over for the Retreat. She will place an order for whatever else is requested this weekend. She hopes that everyone will actively get involved in the Reading Program and experience the excitement of READING!

Hilda Sills shared that two tables of free UMW Literature were placed in the back of her church on UMW Sunday.

Committee on Membership: Harriette Elrod, Chairperson. Harriette expressed appreciation for the splendid preparation in making UMW Sunday such a great event this year! She said the membership chairpersons who attended DELT were very enthusiastic about their work.

After attending NOTE, she mailed a copy of the packet that was prepared by Ressie Mae Bass, Executive Secretary for Membership and Organizational Development at Women's Division to each conference committee member and her counterparts. This packet has been filed. "What an exciting and challenging time to be involved with membership in United Methodist Women, she exclaimed!" "Without membership there would be no organization." "Let it be known that you like what you are doing and that you think it is important. Remember...ATTITUDES ARE CONTAGIOUS!"

The 1993 Membership Survey shows that there are 341 units of UMW in the Louisiana Conference; there were 14 applicants for Estelle Dameron Scholarships; 233 units sent in UMW Sunday reports including pictures and programs. Mable Claire Placke of Tallulah UMW Unit made the new attendance banner, which was given to the New Orleans district at the 1994 School of Mission.

Secretary of Publicity and Public Relations: Kathleen Conrad. The year 1995 has started out as a year for growth and knowledge of the duties of this office for Kathleen. As chair of the 1995 Annual Meeting, the concepts and responsibilities of this office has been broadened. Resources and networking has taken on new meanings as contacts are made in order to tell the story of the United Methodist Women. She has submitted articles to the Methodist Reporter covering UMW events; purchased a new album to display the many photos that will be displayed at the upcoming UMW events.

In her contacts with Dotty Bagby, Editor of the LA Methodist Reporter, to clarify the timeliness for submitting material leading up to major events, it was determined that written materials and photos should be submitted three weeks prior to the date for publication.

Kathleen quotes II Timothy 1:7 which states, "that God does not give us a spirit of timidity but of power and love and discipline." With your continued prayers and support, she will help to enrich the lives of others through

the efforts made in the office of Publicity and Public Relations.

Historian: Judy Greer. Judy is in the process of cataloging/compiling a record of the materials that should be kept by the Historian. The method that she will use is: Name or Title of Item; Author, Editor, or Conference President(s) as applicable; Date of Publication or Date of Event; Publisher and Place of Publication; Type of Material: Book, Program, Directory, Media, etc.; For Donations: Name of Person or Group making donation and Date of donation. She will place all of this information in a computer data base, so that the information can be retrieved and alphabetized in any category. Her plans are to finish the cataloging by June 1, and have printed copies available.

Standing Rules: Maxie Garrett has been asked to prepare a booklet of all of the Expense Guidelines for the various committees and conference events. Each conference and district officers will receive a copy.

Newsletter: Nancy sent word that all materials for the school issue must be submitted by April 1.

Delegate to National Assembly: Names of persons to be delegates to the National Assembly are needed. So far, Joyce Hazel and Paula Tidwell have been nominated. Members are urged to contact Pat with names of nominees. We are to submit five names.

Jurisdiction: The following names have been submitted as possible nominees for the Jurisdiction: Carol Fowler - Dubach Harmony Chapel and Patsy Winford - Napoleon UMC. Members are urged to contact Pat with names of nominees. Three names are to be submitted to Jurisdiction.

Special Mission Recognition Pin It was moved by Kathleen Conrad and seconded by Lois Heath that the Special Recognition Pin be presented to Dr. Nancy Carruth at the Annual Conference in June.

Address Correction - Muriel Miller's address should be 3720.

DISTRICT REPORTS:

Acadiana - Emily O. McCoy. Emily reported that the district activities were as follows: Executive Committee meetings; District Mini-School of Christian Mission, Spring Retreat at Sager-Brown Center, Annual Meeting at First United Methodist Church in Franklin; DELT; LET; and publishing a newsletter. Since the change in meeting place, Acadiana district committee members are 100 per cent in attendance.

She said that they are in the process of organizing two new units and reactivating two units. They did not meet their pledge last year, however plans are now being implemented to catch up.

Emily and her district are looking forward to the 1995 Conference Annual Meeting in Lafayette, LA.

Alexandria - Margie Morrish. Margie said the past year was a good one, in spite of losing two units. With that loss, there are now 20 units in the district. The district had a well attended Mini-School of Christian Mission; Annual Meeting at Newman UMC; good attendance at DELT; and LET at First UMC Church in Alexandria. Quilts were made by ladies of several units. The ladies from one unit, made 40 quilts. There were 84 quilts given to children with aids. The district is publishing a cookbook, and the profit will go toward the pledge. The pledge to missions for 1996 has been raised by \$1,000. At the last district mission team meeting, each member shared what they have been doing in their units.

Margie was invited to a UMW Coffee on UMW Sunday, and to speak at two churches, but had to turn them down because she was speaking at her church. She said they displayed yearbooks at the District Annual Meeting. Her plans are to visit each unit in her district in 1995.

Baton Rouge - Rita Parham. Rita said the Baton Rouge District had a very successful fast paced and fast moving year! She felt really blessed to work in a district so committed to making mission a reality. She listed the following 1994 achievements: District Newsletter, (distributed to all churches with or without a unit; Travel to District Events, (a special effort was made to reach all points of the district); Planning District activities, (included local arrangement team members); and Growth in Attendance, (it is up). Concerns: How to grow, (more publicity, opportunities for leadership/membership development); Churches with no units, (Using newsletter, shepherding and district membership); Establish and Use a calendar, (encourage members to set and use a unit calendar inclusive of the dates for district, conference and local events); Holding on to the same officers and offices, (encourage nominations committee to seek new members and groom them); and Avoid Local Unit Burnout, (do not overuse one member, let all share the load--many hands, make work easy).

Rita said there is one small problem in the district--Getting the word to units that just will not respond, not sending in the officers' list to district secretary, and not passing on the materials to the new officer.

She said in addition to the goals established at the Conference Annual Meeting, the Baton Rouge District will also have the following goal: Reclaim, Reestablish, Establish anew, Renew, Rekindle new Growth in membership. The Baton Rouge District is now in the process of planning the Spiritual Enrichment Day for March 25, 1995, with Rev. Darlene Moore-James as the featured speaker. (Kathleen Conrad read the report, because Rita had to leave)

Question: Jan Randolph, Chairperson of the Nominations Committee asked, "Can the nominations Committee meet between Annual Meeting and DELT?" After a brief discussion, it was moved by Kathleen Conrad and seconded by Hilda Sills that the Nominations Committee can meet when the School committee meets in November. Pat will check with the 1996 dean.

Lake Charles - Nell Hayes. Nell reported that her goal this year is to "touch each unit" through a personal visit and as much communication by mail as possible. She has asked her executive officers to keep in personal contact with the local officers also. A very good district meeting was held in the fall at Oak Park United Methodist Church with Rev. Betty Northern as the speaker.

LELT was held at Wesley in Sulphur with a very good attendance. A good video was shown along with the leadership training. Lake Charles had several units to receive the 5-Star Undesignated Giving Certificates this year, and is a leader once again in the Reading Program. Quiet Day will be held on Wednesday, April 19 at Uskichitto Retreat Center. Plans are being made already for many to attend the Retreat at Tall Timbers on February 24-26. District Annual meeting will be in DeRidder next fall. The executive board has already met and has exciting plans under way for the new year.

Monroe - Vera Bulloch (report was read by Marie Young) The Monroe District has 35 units with 1,197 members. These figures exclude The Lea Joyner unit, which requested not to be counted in 1994, but will resume an active role in 1995. Hope United Methodist Church has a newly organized unit with ten members.

The district had a successful Mini-School of Christian Mission with 63 members present; District Annual Meeting with 65 in attendance. Eighteen members received Reading Certificates from 3 units and 9 units received the Excellence of Study Certificates at the District Annual Meeting. The November LELT was the best that Vera has ever experienced in the district.

Vera reported that the district met its pledge of \$28,000.00; 27 units sent in the written president's report, with 7 reports obtained over the telephone; and the Migrant Children's Program is going very well with the grant from SAM of \$2,200. Memorial UMW, St. Lukes Church in Shreveport and individual pledges brought in another \$500.00. They were able to serve 29 migrant children from April 8, 1993 - June 14, 1994. Five of them had repeat visits, and the total cost was \$3,298.89. The dentist worked very well with the district and the Migrant Children's

Program. She would like to continue to work with group units' programs; it is a good way to visit more units. It also helps to keep the units active. The West Monroe First UMW still do not have a president, but she is working on it.

New Orleans - June Sanchez. June reported that the District Annual Meeting was convened at First United Methodist Church, with the theme: "Rekindle God's Gifts." The scripture was II Timothy 1:6,7; Rev. Patricia Turner-Brown, the Associate Pastor at Brooks, was the speaker. The Hartzell United Methodist Gospel Drill Team, under the direction of Andrea Reese, presented an up-lifting spiritual experience for those in attendance.

She said the women in New Orleans are continuing to sponsor and participate in many local unit, church and community mission projects. The year ended with a "Diaper Shower" for the babies and toddlers at Peoples' Community Center.

The Christian Personhood Coordinator, Kay Dupuy, is already planning the 1995 district annual retreat.

North Shore - Gail Epperson. Gail reported that the seventh Annual Meeting of the North Shore District was held at St. Timothy UMC in Mandeville. The guest speaker was Rev. Helena Wright-Butler. The mission team met regularly with excellent attendance at each meeting, including DELT, LETL and all district functions. The following 1995 events have been planned for: August 26, Mini-School at Mary's Chapel; October 7, District Annual Meeting at First United Methodist Church, Denham Springs and November 4, LETL at First United Methodist Church, Slidell.

She said the Reading Program continues to grow and so does the Five (5) Star Giving churches. UMW Sunday was celebrated in most of the churches, and mission studies are being taught in many local units as well as churches combining their studies.

There are seven units that did not participate in the district and conference activities in the past, but are now attending as well as taking leadership roles. A new unit has been organized and it is an active one.

A special chart, which the district calls "**The Year At a Glance**" was created and is attached. The chart will be placed on file. A copy of the chart which is an excellent reminder for all **reports, deadlines, and other UMW events**, was given to each local officer. Gail said copies are available for those who want it.

The Donation to "Rainbow Child Care" was received with such great joy, it is an activity that they were very proud of. They scaled down their School of Mission display, to help fund this activity. Great plans have been made for 1995.

Ruston - Jean Rockhold. Jean reported that the Ruston district had very good attendance at the District Annual Meeting, DELT and LETL. She said it is very encouraging to see the local units with the enthusiasm, care and concern reflected in their community activities. There are projects to help children in need, work projects for young, the elderly, the sick and those in various traumatic situations.

Several of the units received Excellence of Studies Certificates, Reading Program Certificates and thirteen units received Five (5) Star Undesignated Giving certificates at the Annual Meeting. There is a slight increase in membership, but it does not parallel their giving, because they did not meet the pledge for 1994. Plans are being to make greater effort to meet the pledge in 1995.

All 28 units submitted evaluation reports, even though some were obtained over the telephone. Many of the district team spoke at various churches on UMW Sunday. The District Spring Meeting has been planned for March 5, at Springhill UMC, and the Retreat at Caney Conference Center on May 8.

Jean said, "the greatest news I have is that we are going to have a new UMW unit." This will be the first

unit ever for this church. A very good group of young working women will organize and elect officers, later this month.

Shreveport - Carolyn Colvin. Carolyn reported that the district year was highlighted by hosting the Conference Annual Meeting in September. Rose Fitzgerald and Mary Margaret Barr led a formidable team in preparing for this event.

The Mini-School at Mangum in August was led by Cheryl Gillespie, Anna Jackson and David Melville. The District Annual Meeting in October at Christ United Methodist Church brought hundreds to hear Conference Peace with Justice missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. DeHainaut.

The annual evaluation reports showed local units involved in learning, serving and promoting legislation. One of the highlights was involvement in the Heifer Project by Asbury UMW. They sponsored a "Living Gift Market" complete with a variety of live animals offered for "sale." More than \$2000.00 was raised as church members purchased the animals in the name of a friend or relative and were given a gift card to represent the purchase.

Even though the district membership is slightly down, and lost two units, they had good participation in the Reading Program. One unit's most outstanding achievement was reported as "maintained membership."

She plans to visit all units in the district within the next two years; one of her most enjoyable benefits of being in this office.

Charter For Racial Justice - Pat Cobb, Chairperson. The criteria for the "Promise Award" include: 1. Explore the Scripture Mandates - Biblical and Theological basis for what we do. (The booklet "Opening the Doors to Racial Understanding" can be used) 2. Discuss the Charter and how it has been used. 3. Read and share 2 books on this material. 4. Show the film on Racial Justice. 5. It was the consensus of the committee that it would be most effective to give a gift to mission. and 6. Action--as a result --an outgrowth from the new knowledge.

The complete details will be published in the newsletter, and the first award will be issued at the 1996 Annual Meeting.

Church Women United - Hilda Sills said she attended the Church Women United's Assembly that was held at Union Bethel AME Church in New Orleans. Officers were elected. The Annual Meeting of Church Women United will be in Monroe, March 17-18 at McGuire UMC.

Dulac Cooperative Ministries - Cathy Parker. Cathy reported that the Dulac Community Center, a mission center of the United Methodist Church, is located near the town of Dulac in Terrebone Parish, Louisiana. The mailing address is 101 Coast Guard Road, Dulac, LA 70353. In cooperation with Clanton Chapel United Methodist Church just across the street from the community center a broad range of ministries are carried out among the Houma Indians who are the primary residents of the area. These Native Americans settled in the area over a century ago and they earn a living by fishing and shrimping in the marshes and bays of South Terrebone Parish.

The Houmas Indian Nation has struggled since about 1813 to receive recognition from the Federal Government as a Native American Tribe so they would be entitled to receive protection for their right to their tribal lands. This recognition has never been fully granted for one reason or another. In 1974 they were recognized as a tribe; however, they were not compensated for the illegal appropriation of their lands over the previous 150 years. The Methodist Church became interested in the plight of the Houmas Indians as a result of efforts of some dedicated lay people, one a schoolteacher who started a school for the children where none had existed before, and the other a businessman who helped finance the school and also built a chapel for worship services. Today the mission center is located on 45 acres of land which was bought by the Women's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church about

18 miles South of Houma, LA. The main emphasis of the programs at the Community Center and Clanton Chapel is to educate the children and help them to develop to their full potential. Between the two facilities they have 44 preschool children in the day care and headstart programs.

There are varied activities during the year which include games, Bible stories, field trips, Summer Bible School, Easter Egg Hunt, Mardi Gras parade, after school tutoring and sewing classes. There is a need for more sewing machines; Fannie will donate a portable sewing machine. There are many opportunities for youth and adults to perform community service work as determined by the courts for minor infractions of the law. Also, since many of the adults are unable to read and write there is an adult literacy program where they can study and meet the requirements for a GED from the state.

The high school seniors are eligible to receive college scholarships under the Native American scholarship program of the General Board of Global Ministries. Even as the children are taught to use computers and sewing machine they are also taught their native American crafts, in order to preserve the memory of their cultural heritage. A space is being set aside for a museum and display of their handicrafts.

St. Mark's Community Center - June F. Sanchez. June reported that the St. Mark's Community Center is strategically located between the French Quarter and the Tremé Neighborhood which it serves. The center is currently operating with an interim director, Rev. David Billings. S. T. Tidwell is no longer director.

The following programs are operating well at the center:

1. Street Academy, which is an alternative Junior High School for children who cannot work well in the regular school setting;
2. Day Care Centers which are located at Carver Senior High School for pre-schoolers of students, and at the Main Post Office for pre-schoolers of postal employees;
3. After School Recreation and Tutorial Services;
- and 4. Family Day Care Providers Net-Work which assists those who keep children in their homes. It is one of the largest in the State.

St. Mark's Camp in Covington, LA is included in the five year or long range plan for upgrading. According to Rev. David Billings, the programs are solid but a very serious financial problem exists with a debt of one hundred thousand dollars. He has expressed a desire to speak at local churches, meetings, and gatherings.

David Burgett, a representative from National Division, General Board of Global Ministries on behalf of the Women's Division, will visit St. Mark's Center on Thursday, February 16, 1995 at 6:50 p.m. St. Mark's Board of Directors recently elected officers and formed committees. The president is Attorney Danatus King. The board meets on the fourth Thursday of every month from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at St. Mark's Community Center.

According to Fannie Thompson, a United Methodist Women representative, much work has been done but there's still much to be done. Morale is good and everyone is doing his or her job. Your prayers are requested in all endeavors.

The School of Christian Mission planning meeting will be held on November 18, 1995. Joyce Hazel, Dean, will secure the place.

The Nominations Committee encouraged us to use the talents banks, especially the ladies in the northern part of the state.

The conference Tenure Record should be filled out by each officer; the district and conference officers are to be evaluated, therefore, the forms that were passed out today must be returned.

Please return the three forms: Recommendations for nominations, Evaluation of Conference officers, and Job Description.

The Chairperson also informed us that tenure follows you from Conference to conference, and district to district.

After the sending forth, led by Cathy Parker, the meeting was adjourned.

Examiners: Gail Epperson
Hilda Sills

Fannie P. Reddix
Secretary

ADDENDUM

I recently received Helen Allemond's report.

Christian Personhood- Helen Allemond. Helen expressed her joy in being a member of the United Methodist Women mission team. Delt was a big success, with six of the nine districts represented. The calendar of events was planned for 1995, the duties and responsibilities were reviewed and dreams and expectations were shared.

The goal for the Reading Program is 400 + in 1995. There were 399 readers in 1994. The Call to Prayers and Self Denial packets were mailed to all counterparts. This year's theme is "Love Expressed." Helen said she feels 'Love expressed' whenever United Methodist Women gather together.

She encourages all Christian Personhood Coordinators to pay close attention to the calendar in completing the activities for 1995. The attached 1995 calendar and list of district coordinators will be filed.

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
EXECUTIVE MEETING
JULY 19, 1995

The Executive Meeting was held in Smith Hall, in Kilpatrick Auditorium at Centenary College, Shreveport, Louisiana. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. Pat Cobb presided.

Members Present: Pat Cobb, Harriette Elrod, Muriel Miller, Nancy M. Carruth, Mary Quinones, Emily McCoy, Carolyn Colvin, Jan Randolph, Gail Epperson, Lou Medlock June F. Sanchez, Vera Bulloch, Nell Hayes, Marie Young, Alice Irving (for Rita Parham), Maxie Garrett, Jean Rockhold, Kathleen Conrad, Lois R. Heath, Betty Carlin, Hilda D. Sills, Lottie Palazzo, and Fannie P. Reddix. **Absent:** Helen Allemond, Judy Greer, and Margie Morrish.

As Pat began our meeting, she lit a candle to guide the way. She said, " the essence of our meetings should be worship,...the reports will represent the offering" Lois Heath led us in a very moving period of devotion.

Appointments. Kathleen Conrad and Harriette Elrod were appointed to examine the minutes.

The minutes from the previous meeting were accepted as mailed with the following corrections: page 16, 5th par. of instead of os; page 17, 3rd par. are instead of a; and page 11 under standing Rules, second sentence, strike out the word expense.

Correspondence. A Thank You card was read from Nancy Carruth, thanking the Executive committee for the special recognition pin that was presented to her at the Annual Conference in June. A Thank You card was read from the daughters of Geneva Bell, past Coordinator of Christian Social Involvement, who recently died of cancer. They also included a program from the funeral.

Special Concerns: Our prayers are requested for Helen Allemond, whose 35 year old granddaughter died a few weeks ago with cancer. Her husband is very ill.

President. Pat reminded us that the reports should be brief but informative. She also said that we will include a children's section in the 1996 School of Mission for children ages 7-12 with a maximum of 25. There will be other activities planned, in addition to the children's study.

Vice-President. Hilda D. Sills, said even though she was not eligible to attend NOTE because of a previous office, she did participate in a teleconference with Joyce Hamlin. All of the materials that she needed for her office, were mailed to her. She attended the Retreat at Tall Timbers, Finance Committee meeting in Alexandria and West Gulf Regional School in Abilene, Texas.

Hilda submitted the following Louisiana Conference Goals for 1996:

1. By 1996, we shall include children, ages 7-12 to participate in the Louisiana Conference School of Christian Mission. We shall continue to encourage high school girls to participate.
2. We will work toward increasing certification in the areas of:
 - (a) Supportive Community
 - (b) Reading Program
 - (c) Excellence of Studies
 - (d) Charter for Racial Justice Policies ("Promise Award")
 - (e) Membership ("Woman in Mission" Award)
3. Continue to implement Five-Star "Mission Living" in order to increase Five-Star Certification by 25% annually to the year 2000.

Secretary. Fannie P. Reddix, reminded the district presidents to encourage their secretaries to send in the new list of officers and the date and place of the 1996 Annual Meetings.

Treasurer. Mary Quinones passed out copies of the Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women Balance Sheet for June 30, 1995. She reported the following from the Finance Committee meeting: 1. The Pledge would be decreased by \$50,000, therefore the 1996 Pledge to Mission would be \$250,000. 2. The Total Administration and Development Budget for 1996 would be \$62,915. Mary also brought the following recommendation concerning travel expenses: Thirteen cents per mile shall be allowed for travel by car. When a minimum 10 seat van is occupied by at least six (6) or more people in a carpool, mileage will be paid at a flat rate of twenty-five (25) cents per mile. To encourage carpooling, officers will be paid an additional two (2) cents per mile for each additional rider in car or mini-van. When district and conference officers travel together with expenses provided by their respective organizations, they shall submit pro rata shares of the expenses of these groups. Other riders must assume their share of the expense.

It was motioned by Hilda D. Sills that the recommendation from the Finance Committee concerning travel expenses, be accepted. The motion passed with one descending vote.

The question was asked of the Standing Rules chairperson, whether expense guidelines should be handled by Standing Rules. It was the consensus of the executive committee that expense guidelines should be determined by the Finance Committee.

Financial Interpretation. Lois R. Heath reported the following: She has sent two articles to Nancy Carruth for the Newsletter; gained experience working with bulk mailing; Received 6 applications for the Hope and Wholeness Grant. She mailed applications for Rev. Clifton Conrad, Rev. Debbie Drash and Mrs. Stella Lewis to Women's Division. Rev. Jeff Conner mailed his to the Women's Division and sent a copy to her. Lois also spoke for Women's Day at Winan UMC in Franklinton; attended the Conference Religion and Race Meeting; taught the class: "Making The World Safe for Children" at Roberts Chapel; attended Regional School, assisted in placing the Table Graces on the tables at Regional School. The ribbons are ready, and all of the materials have been submitted for the Annual Meeting Booklet.

Membership. Harriette Elrod attended the West Gulf Regional of Christian Mission in Abilene, Texas and found it to be an educational and spiritual experience. She received materials from the Women's Division on the "Membership Campaign 1966-2002," and resources to help report on membership in a more structured pattern.

The campaign goals are:

1. To challenge each local unit of United Methodist Women to join the 1996-2002 Membership Campaign;
2. To increase the membership of each District by 10% each year emphasizing: teen women (age 13-18) and university/college women; young women (age 19+); newly retired women; women of various racial, cultural and language groups;
3. To nurture and expand all members' understanding of mission with women, children and youth;
4. To challenge each local church to organize a unit of United Methodist Women where there is none; and
5. To reduce barriers for current and potential members within the organizational culture of United Methodist Women.

Harriette said that due to limited funds, there were fewer scholarships this year. The five Scholarships were awarded at the 1995 Christian School of Mission to: Lana Davidson (Acadiana), Lana Lathan (Baton Rouge), Barbara Miller (Lake Charles), Veola Bradford (Monroe), and Beverly Sandidge (Monroe).

Harriette penned two poems that are apropos for the 1995 School of Mission. They are titled, "Life's Meaning" and "God's Mission In Our Time."

Committee on Nominations. Jan Randolph presented the following recommendations of nominees for office to be elected at the Annual Meeting in September, 1995:

President: Pat Cobb, 7117 Memphis St. New Orleans, LA 70124
Secretary: Fannie P. Reddix, 1330 Cambronne St. New Orleans, LA 70118
Mission Coordinator for Christian Personhood: not filled at this time.
Mission Coordinator for
Christian Global Concerns: Marie Young, 3017 N. 12th St. West Monroe, LA 71291
Chairperson, Committee on Membership: Harriette Elrod, 111 DeSoto St. Tallulah, LA 71282

Nominated for election to a two year term:

Secretary of Program Resources: Gwen Streams-Sherer, 753 St. Charles St. Thibodaux, LA 70301
Secretary of Publicity and Public Relations: Not filled at this time.

Nominated for election to Committee on Nominations for a four year term:

. Eloise Cox, Box 76, Jena, LA 71342
. Rosalie Pryor, 501 Douglas St. Alexandria, LA 71301

The Committee recommends the addition of a meeting of this committee between Mid-Year meeting and School of Missions, if needed to fill the offices.

Jan also said that Ann Needham told her it was best not to fill the position, unless you had a person willing to do the job. We were encouraged to complete the new Talent Bank Forms and submit them to the committee.

Pat reminded us of the new organizational structure UMW will have when the new handbooks are off the press.

1995 Annual Meeting. Kathleen Conrad, Chairperson, gave an excellent report on the upcoming Annual Meeting. The theme is "Pass It On." Hymn: "Pass It On" and Scripture: John 4:39 (NIV). The plans for the Annual Meeting are well underway. The Annual Meeting schedules and pertinent information will be published in the August newsletter. Kathleen gave a complete run down of all of the activities that are planned for this Annual Meeting. She also distributed maps and information on restaurants in Lafayette. The complete report has been filed.

1995 DELT. Joyce Hazel, Chairperson, said that DELT will be an overnight training period. The training will be done by representatives of Women's Division. She does not have the format for DELT at this time. The dates are October 20-21, 1995, and will be held at Tall Timbers. Maxie Garret asked if there were any guidelines for DELT? No one was able to locate any guidelines on DELT.

Standing Rules and Guidelines. Maxie Garrett, Chairperson, presented the following report: Before the Committee can complete the task of preparing a booklet of the newly revised Standing Rules as well as the Guidelines for several activities of the LA Conference of UMW, several questions must be answered. The Guidelines for UMW LA Conference, UMW Annual Meeting, Retreat and School of Christian Mission have been revised.

There was one correction for the Mid-Year Executive minutes, drop the word "expense" from the guidelines. Everything that has been compiled will be typed by Mary Quinones on her computer. She will submit the disk to whomever will have the booklet printed. It was suggested by Fannie that the booklet become the property of the office, and not the office holder.

The booklet is supposed to be ready for the Annual Meeting.

Charter for Racial Justice. Pat said, that the first Promise Award will be presented at the 1996 Annual Meeting. The Charter for Racial Justice Committee will determine who, or what unit will receive the award. The awardee will receive a framed certificate, and a specific amount will be given to mission in their honor. There will only be one award per year, unless, more are merited at that time.

South Central Jurisdiction, Quadrennial Meeting. The Quadrennial Meeting will take place in Omaha, NB May 3-5, 1996. The theme is "Mission Mosaic." The purpose: "There shall be a meeting of the jurisdiction organization of United Methodist Women during the last year of the quadrennium. At that time, the women nominees to the General Board of Global Ministries shall be elected according to *The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church, Par. 743. 6d, and Par. 1429*, and the president and any other offices shall also be elected." (*Constitution of United Methodist Women in the Jurisdiction, Article 4*).

The following were elected as delegates: Pat Cobb, Mary Quinones, Fannie P. Reddix, Hilda D. Sills, Mary Young, Harriette Elrod, with Lou Medlock as an alternate. The money that has been appropriated for the Quadrennial Meeting will be shared equally by each delegate. Harriette, Fannie, Lottie, Jan and one other (to be named) will sing in the choir.

The Nominees for the Jurisdiction--Women's Division are:

Pat Cobb - 10; Norma Winegeart - 8; Fannie P. Reddix - 7; and as an alternate, Lottie Palazzo -5.

Jean Rockhold and few ladies from her district and others are planning to attend the Quadrennial Meeting. A full update will be given at the Annual Meeting.

National Seminar. The National Seminar will take place August 19-25. Joyce Hazel will attend.

Camp Aldersgate in Little Rock, AR. The following persons will attend: Marie Young; Muriel Miller; Fannie Thompson, Melva Jackson and Pat Cobb. There will be many "hands-on" activities planned for their experience.

Barbara Campbell, Mary Jane Shahan and Ruth Prudente have unselfishly shared their time and talents for many years and are now retired/retiring. The Women's Division has asked that our conference show our appreciation by some type of recognition. We are to channel this through Sue Johnson, who is our Staff Person. Pat and Fannie will get together and decide what should be done.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 14 in Lafayette, LA. All are urged to arrive by 5:00 p.m.

After prayer, the meeting was adjourned.

Examiners: Kathleen Conrad - Harriet Elrod

Fannie P. Reddix, Secretary

ADDENDUM
Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women
Executive Meeting
July 22, 1995

Committee on Nominations. Jan submitted the following nominees to be elected at the Annual Meeting in September:

Publicity and Public Relations: Rita Parham, 824 Europe St. Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Complete one year Term for -- Coordinator of Christian Personhood: Annette Fortuna

School of Missions: Items that should be discussed.

1. Honorarium for study leaders (At present - \$125 per class; 29 cents per mile; \$70 books, \$30 copying per class);
2. Have less than 4 Bible classes;
3. Provide two Video tapes per study;
4. Have a Shreveport Task Force for Children's Study;
(Have a conference officer assigned to this task force)
5. Plan an on site meeting, for school committee (early in the year)
6. UMW Audio-visuals that are placed in conference library, should be available to UMW. Make UMW aware of what is available, and how to access.
7. Apprise conference officers of the bedding and linen needs, so that all donations can be received at the fall school committee meeting.

Suggestions for 1996 Study Leaders:

The following names were suggested: **John Wesley** ---Lottie Palazzo;
Rev. Alonzo Campbell. **Multicultural** ---Dr. Joe Elmore and Mrs. Billye Elmore;
Mrs. Joyce Elaine Fish.

Lottie will bring the videos to Annual Meeting. After a short prayer, the meeting was adjourned.

Fannie P. Reddix, Secretary

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES
September 14, 1995

The Executive Committee, Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women, met Thursday, September 14, 1995, 7:00 p.m. at First United Methodist Church in Lafayette, LA. Pat Cobb, President, presided.

Members present for the meeting: Pat Cobb, Nancy M. Carruth, Gail Epperson, Jean Rockhold, Margie Morrish, Joyce Hazel, June F. Sanchez, Nell Hayes, Cathy Parker, Harriette Elrod, Marie Young, Carolyn Colvin, Muriel Miller, Vera Bulloch, Lou Medlock, Maxie Garrett, Lois R. Heath, Kathleen Conrad, Lottie Palazzo, Mary Quinones, Hilda D. Sills, Jan Randolph, and Fannie P. Reddix. Others present: Annual Meeting Co-Chairperson, Mary Spell, and Margie Hanna, host President. Absent: Helen Allemond, Judy Greer, Emily McCoy, and Betty Carlin.

Pat announced that Betty Carlin would not be in attendance and was hospitalized because of some medical procedures involving her heart. Seola Callahan was ill and Helen Allemond would be arriving on Friday.

Lottie Palazzo gave the devotion, based on the meditation, "Dry Bones," taken from the book, "May I Have This Dance" by Joyce Rupp.

Appointment Jean Rockhold and Lou Medlock were appointed to review the minutes.

As we continued our meeting, Lottie lit the candle and read a poem titled, Hearts on Fire, from "May I Have This Dance," based on Jeremiah 20:9. All reports given tonight will be our offering. All reports will be filed and only highlights will appear in the minutes.

Correspondence Fannie read a thank you card from Mrs. John D. V. Hamilton.

The following reports were given: President: Pat Cobb has had a very busy year. She has attended/participated in the following---Conference Retreat at Tall Timbers; Bishop's Research & Planning Committee, Shreveport; Conference Nominating Committee Meeting, Baton Rouge; Church Women United Annual Meeting, Monroe; Conference Board of Laity, Alexandria; Conference Committee on Religion & Race, Baton Rouge; several Conference Council on Ministries meetings; Met with Lula Garrett from National Division and District Supt. at United Way regarding St. Mark's Community Center; Research and Planning, Baton Rouge; UMW Finance Committee, Alexandria; Winegeart funeral with Lottie and Mary; Methodist Home Fund raiser dinner; SCJ President's Consultation in New Orleans; Presenter, Northshore District Conference; Annual Conference, Shreveport; West Gulf Regional School, Abilene, TX; Delegation meetings, General & Jurisdictional, Tall Timbers; and Mission Education Event in Little Rock, AR. She has written an article for the United Methodist Reporter, and sent a Gift in Memory card for Rev. John D. V. Hamilton to his widow, Mrs. Barbara M. Hamilton, the immediate past chairperson of the Committee on nominations. She

continues to make a difference in the lives of others, as she **Passes IT On**.

Vice-President: Hilda Sills reports that she was ineligible to attend NOTE, however, she participated in a teleconference with Joyce Hamlin, Women's Division Executive Secretary for Research and Planning, General Board of Global Ministries. All of the materials needed for vice-president were mailed to her. She attended the UMW Conference Retreat at Tall Timbers in February; Finance Committee meeting in April in Alexandria; West Gulf Regional School of Christian Mission at McMurry University in Abilene, TX. She mailed copies of our Annual Meeting programs to all vice-presidents of the West Gulf Regional School. She also presented the conference goals, which will be printed with the Annual Meeting Report.

Secretary: Fannie P. Reddix reports that this has also been a very busy and rewarding year for her. She distributed her first Annual Directory/Annual Report in February. She continues to represent our conference on the West Gulf Regional School Planning Team. She coordinated the Learning Center, served as class secretary for her class on Ecclesiastes and Focus group on Ecology as a Christian Discipline and Mission Issue at the 1995 Regional School at McMurry University in Abilene, TX.

Fannie served as assistant dean of our 1995 Conference School of Christian Mission. She will be a delegate and participate in the choir at the Quadrennial Meeting of the South Central Jurisdiction, May 3-5, 1996 in Omaha, NB. It is great to be an active part of such a **supportive community** which allows me to begin to carry out **God's Mission in our Times--and Pass It On**.

Treasurer: Mary Quinones reported that for the first two quarters of 1995, nearly 38%, \$112,358.91 of our Undesignated Pledge of \$298,000.00 was paid and approximately 69% of the 1995 fund budgeted of Administration and Membership Development was used.

She said the current interest bearing accounts with Hibernia National Bank in Metairie, and Evangeline Bank in Pineville have a total of \$62,021.01. Of this amount, \$20,102.32 is reserved for future programming.

Mary said that we were under our budget of \$1,600.24 for Regional School, but exceeded the budgeted amount for Conference School by \$2,447.17. The total net cost for Regional School was \$6,399.76; and Conference School was \$9,945.17. For 1996, the proposed amount for Regional School is \$7,500.00 and \$10,000.00 for Conference School.

The Pledge to Mission for 1996 is \$250,000.00, which is a reduction from last year. She said since the district pledges total \$298,500.00, and our A & MD is \$62,915.00, making a total of \$312,915.00 for 1996, hopefully we will reach or exceed our \$250,000.00 undesignated pledge. Copies of the third quarter reports will be mailed at the end of the month.

Secretary, Financial Interpretation: Lois Heath reported that she has mailed letters to district treasurers and secretaries for financial interpretation on the Five-Star Undesignated Giving Program; completed certificates to be presented to the units during their District Annual Meetings and completed the Mission Candle Book. She has also completed the Louisiana Mission Ribbon Pamphlet that will accompany each ribbon sale.

Lois said that the ribbons will be available at each District's Registration Table at Annual Meeting. The ladies will have on aprons, and will give pamphlets, and straight pins with the ribbons. She also said that there are a few tote bags available for sale for \$8.00 each.

Mission Coordinator - Christian Personhood: Helen Allemond's report was read by Hilda Sills. Helen expressed her everlasting gratitude for the kind expressions of sympathy that were extended to her at the time of her granddaughter's death. Also for our concerns during her husband's illness. She designed and sent 120 table prayer/grace cards by Lois Heath to Regional School in June.

For the Conference School of Christian Mission, she contacted all nine districts concerning the meditation booklet, table graces and meditation room. Only 7 responded, and with that information, she prepared the booklets. The district coordinators were in charge of the devotion/meditation room and table graces each day.

Helen signed 341 certificates for the reading program participants. This was slightly down from the number on last year. She enjoyed being on the conference team and thanked us for everything.

Mission Coordinator - Supportive Community: Lou Medlock reported that this year has been a rewarding learning experience for her. She has acquired a lot of material and information on the job of coordinator of Supportive Community. She has mailed correspondence to her counterparts concerning: Certificate of Supportive Community, Violence against Women-Abuse of Children, United Nations - 50th Anniversary and reminders about the requirements for the certificates.

In the beginning, Lou was not getting the mail-outs from Women's Division, but that was corrected at Regional School.

At Annual Meeting, Certificates of Recognition will be presented to the following districts: 4 units in Alexandria, 2 units in Lake Charles, and 1 unit in New Orleans.

She attended Spring Retreat at Tall Timbers, Louisiana Annual Conference in Shreveport, West Gulf Regional School in Abilene, TX and Conference School of Christian Mission. She mailed out an updated Conference Officers' Birthday Calendar and also attended her district's Mini-School. Prayerfully, her desire is that 1996 will be a better year.

Mission Coordinator - Christian Global Concerns: Marie Young reported that nine districts

reported and there will be 96 units receiving Certificates for studies. Several units completed one or more studies, but did not have outgrowth.

She has contacted all districts by mail, telephone or in person. Birthday cards were mailed to each Missionary from Louisiana. She attended Regional School in Abilene, TX and Conference School of Mission in Shreveport.

Marie has met with several units to discuss work on the local level. She attended the Mission Event at Aldersgate in Little Rock, AR with four others from our conference. She said, "It was a wonderful experience involving work, study and fellowship."

Mission Coordinator - Christian Social Involvement: Muriel M. Miller reported she has had a busy and exciting time and has learned more about the responsibilities of her office. She attended the Conference Retreat in February; UMW Training - Impact in Washington, D.C. in March; Louisiana Annual Conference and Regional School in June; Conference School of Mission in July; and the Mission Event - Core Planning in August in Little Rock, AR.

During the Conference School, she prepared a Display with handouts on "Hate Groups in America." She has written four letters to the District Coordinators and enclosed material for their information and distribution.

Her goals for the future are: to help plan a Mission Event in 1996 involving women from each district in a "hands on" experience; to plan a Legislative Event for 1997; and to encourage units to use the "Yellow Brick Road" format as a way of eliminating prejudice. She thanked the executive committee for the opportunity to serve and look forward to a time when more United Methodist Women become involved in social action.

Secretary - Program Resources: Lottie Palazzo in her final report said she has enjoyed the office and the group. She said that the plan of carrying over the resources from School of Mission to Annual Meeting has worked very well. Even though it may have required effort on the part many people, it did save the Conference double postage, and helped in better preparation for Annual Meeting.

Lottie emphasized the new large print for some of the books in the Reading Program, and hopes she has been able to inspire more people to read and participate. She sent out correspondence to her counterparts during the year, and has some material tonight to give to the district presidents for their program resources secretary.

Publicity and Public Relations: Kathleen C. Conrad began her report with the scripture reading, Ecclesiastes 12:9-10 from the NIV bible. She said, like Qohelet, as Secretary of Publicity and Public Relations, she has imparted knowledge from her wise teachers and has attempted to "Pass It On!" She has written articles for the Louisiana Methodist Reporter, The Shreveport Times and our UMW Conference Newsletter, spreading the good news of the UMW

activities. Kathleen contacted twelve radio stations, three TV stations and two newspapers regarding the Annual Meeting.

On August 27, 1995, Kathleen presented the spiritual growth study, Ecclesiastes, The Meaning of Your Life, at the Acadiana District Mini-School of Christian Mission. She also addressed the women of Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Thibodaux, LA in August.

Kathleen recommends that a new camera be purchased due to the poor working condition of the present camera. She is still representing Louisiana on the Jurisdictional level as a member of the Planning Team. She will assist in planning the Quadrennial Meeting of the South Central Jurisdiction in May 1996. In this capacity she will, with the help of our conference, present a basket of LA products valued at \$20-25 to the Jurisdiction, to be given away at the mission fair. She will monitor a Fishing for Mission booth as well as assist in the programming and registration, and where ever needed.

She is working on a slide presentation for the District Elected Leaders Training in October, which will be submitted to the historian for the conference files.

Standing Rules and Guidelines: Maxie Garrett submitted the following report: The task of preparing a booklet of the newly revised Standing Rules and Guidelines for the Conference, Annual Meeting, Retreat, and School Christian Mission has been completed. A very special thanks to Mary Quinones for putting the information on computer disc. Not only does this make the material easy to read, but it will be simple to make revisions as needed. Thank you, Mary Quinones.

The Standing Rules and Guidelines Committee did not feel qualified nor did it feel the responsibility to include specific financial information regarding the Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women and its various activities. The Committee recommends that the Committee on Finance and the Conference President formulate the guidelines relating to the amount paid for travel and other related expenses of the Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women.

Shreveport District: Carolyn Colvin reported that her district had a very busy year. Beginning with 20 members attending the Conference Retreat and our District Retreat led by Doris and Arnold Brown. The Browns presented a beautiful program entitled "Rekindle God's Gifts." Thirty-five of our members and their families served as ushers at the opening session of the Louisiana Annual Conference at Centenary's Gold Dome.

In July, the Shreveport district welcomed members from all over the conference, back to Centenary for the Conference School and also secured the attendance banner with 36 in attendance. Carolyn said, "having Centenary College located in our district means that we have unique service opportunities. One of these is that we (primarily Patty Lindsey) make the beds and distribute bath linen for the teachers at School of Missions. Patty also arranges for fruit baskets to be placed in each teacher's room. This year Patty asked for members across the

conference to donate used linen for this purpose." Twin bed sheets, pillow cases, bath and hand towels, and washcloths are needed. Please correspond with Patty at 278 Carrollton, Shreveport, 71105. You can bring/send the items to the LA conference in June.

The Shreveport District mini school featured two of the conference school teachers--Mary Lou Blakeman and Gloria Bennett. Carolyn did not attend because she and her husband were in Scotland on vacation. Gladys Prillerman, Vice President of our district, took charge of the mini school.

Carolyn said that this is the first time in several years that her district has brought a bus of twenty people to conference annual meeting. During the spring and summer, she met with 4 units and presented programs for three of them. So far this year, she has received three newsletters from three other districts and has enjoyed reading them. As a result of this communication, a tri-district retreat is being planned to be held at Caney Lake with Ruston, Shreveport and Monroe.

North Shore District: Gail Epperson reported that when the rains came in May, North Shore was greatly affected, and everything had to take a back seat to the recovery process. She said that FUMC-Slidell suffered the most damage and the Hartzell-Mt Zion parsonage was also hit hard. The district treasurer, Tillie Shows, had 34 inches of water in her home.

UMW Sunday was widely celebrated, with district officers serving as speakers in many churches. The Call to Prayer and Self-Denial was also observed. The mission team has met regularly and plans are under way to have a retreat every year instead of every other year. The shepherdess program is in effect, the reading program recipients have increased, all offices are filled, as we continue to work toward our conference goal.

The Mini-School was held at Mary's Chapel in Varnado. The district meeting will be held in Denham Springs on October 7, 1995. The speaker will be Darlene Moore-James. LELT will be held at FUMC-Slidell on November 4, 1995.

New Orleans District: June Sanchez reported that the New Orleans District was adequately represented at the Louisiana Conference School of Christian Mission. Fannie P. Reddix served as Assistant Dean of Conference School of Christian Mission this year. Evelyn Martin, a mission team member, spoke eloquently during a morning worship on Europe. Mary Ann Williams and her committee prepared the display on Ecclesiastics for the learning center.

The district mini-school of Christian Mission was held at Gretna United Methodist Church. Virginia Aswell and UMW members were helpful hostesses. Lottie Palazzo taught United Nations and Evelyn Martin taught Europe, and Reverend Alonzo Campbell taught Ecclesiastes.

Carol Cotton-Winn, New Orleans District Superintendent, invited some of the New Orleans District and Conference Officers and St. Mark's Director and Assistant Director to the

district parsonage for an informal meeting. The officers were introduced to the new Director, Rev. Greg Dike, who is also the pastor of St. Mark's UMC. The meeting was called to discuss the Community center and its concerns. Rev. Dike stressed the need for local UMW units to become involved with the adopt-a-child program of Street Academy. St. Marks' camp which is in dire need of repairs is located in Covington, was also discussed. Improvements are already in progress.

The Wesley Foundation-Campus Ministry facility was damaged during the May flood. In addition to repairs, the board members are interested in making the facility more homelike for students. Donations of pictures, plants, a sofa, and chairs will be greatly appreciated.

June said, the New Orleans Mission Team is continually trying to improve communications with and between local units. By meeting at the different churches in the district, the information flow is providing an improved link between the team and the unit.

Ruston District: Jean Rockhold reported that the district was not well represented at the Louisiana Conference School of Christian Mission at Centenary in July. Although small in number, everyone participated, learned much and had a terrific time.

The attendance at the mini-school which was held at Trinity UMC in Ruston was very good. The teachers were: Elouise Sanders, Maxie Garrett and Jean Rockhold. Losing three district officers in mid-year was a problem soon corrected, for their replacement came in and immediately got to work. There are great plans for the district annual meeting at Jonesboro UMC on October 1, and for LELET at Harmony Chapel on November 4, 1995.

Mary Lou Blakeman was the leader at our district retreat. Jean said she has spoken on many occasions in the district and presented the studies, African Churches Speak and Drawing the Circle Wide.

Alexandria District: Margie Morrish reported that her district has been meeting quarterly. They are working on a cookbook to be printed soon. The proceeds will go to missions. They have a committee working on updating their district by-laws. Seven district officers attended Conference School of Christian Mission, including 23 local members, which brought the total to 30. The district prepared a display on Ecclesiastes for the Conference School of Mission learning center, and provided cookies and punch for fun night.

Margie said that the district mini-school of missions was held on August 26 with 45 in attendance. Rev. Alonzo Campbell of Slidell taught Ecclesiastes; Muriel Miller and Nettie Marie Williams taught United Nations and she taught Europe.

The district Annual meeting will be held at Fellowship/Hineston United Methodist Church on October 7, 1995. Winderlean Lewis will be the speaker. The theme is "Pass It On." LELET will be held on November 11 at First UMC in Alexandria.

At the last district executive meeting, plans were made to begin the quilt project again. The quilts and local UMW yearbooks will be on display at the district Annual Meeting. One church has already made 50 quilts.

Lake Charles District: Nell Hayes reported that the Lake Charles District had a very active year. The district has participated in Retreat in February, followed by a Quiet Day at Ouskichitto Retreat Center. Peggy Pugh led the program with an inspiring message. The district was also well represented at the Conference School of Missions. Betty Carlin served as Dean this year, and in 1996, Joyce Hazel will be the Dean.

Joyce Hazel will also chair the District Elected Leaders Training at Tall Timbers.

There were fifteen units reporting with studies and 123 reading certificates. Nell said that this is a record for both. The Mini School of Missions was held in Ragley at Squyres United Methodist Church. Joyce Hazel taught United Nations, Jeroldean Dommert taught Europe and Rev. Charles Crews led the study on Ecclesiastes.

Nell said she has tried to visit as many churches as possible this summer. She found that many of the small churches are really doing well. She encouraged the reading program and pledge service as much as possible, where ever she went.

The district meeting will be in DeRidder and LELT at Jennings, First UMC. Twenty-two units met the 5-star giving requirement and \$1,440.00 was sent in for the Mission Candle.

Baton Rouge District: Rita M. Parham said that this report should be called, "Countdown to Saturday, October 7, 1995; a checklist for an exiting District President." All officers and mission coordinators were busy preparing reports and certificates. Rita expressed her gratitude for the opportunity to serve as District President of the Baton Rouge District.

The district has grown to 67 churches and is now under new leadership with Rev. Leslie Norris and wife Roszetta. The newsletter continues to reach local units all over the district and conference. Attendance at district events is increasing and invitations to come to churches is growing.

Rita said as she checks off her list of duties, they are still faced with the problem of how to grow younger and older at the same. Two churches are working toward this solution by forming circles for teens and college aged young women.

The district Annual meeting will be held on October 7 with our Conference President, Pat Cobb, as our speaker. Rita said it has been a wonderful experience, and she looks forward to "Pass It On."

Monroe District: Vera Bulloch reported that the district began the year with UMW Sunday celebrations, with twenty-four units reporting. Vera spoke at Vidalia United Methodist Church, with the theme of "God's Gift of Love." She attended the Convocation of Boards in Baton

Rouge. Due to illness she missed the Mid-Year meeting and Conference Retreat. Even though it rained the day of District Spring Retreat, we had a very good turn out with Mary Lou Blakeman as our leader. The theme was "Forgive and Forget."

Vera said that the executive committee met in June to work on the Conference School display and second newsletter of the year. Twenty-six members from the district attended Conference School, but did not receive the attendance banner; only honorable mention. The district mini-school was held at Memorial United Methodist Church in Monroe, with 85 members in attendance. The teachers were Gloria Bennett, Lorraine Sparks and Jo Traweek.

In August Vera mailed correspondence to her local presidents concerning South Central Jurisdiction, Charter For Racial Justice, The Promise Award, and new officers' forms. The district is made up of 36 units with a membership of 1,197. This information was taken from the Presidents' report. Our units continue to participate in the Dental Program for Migrant Children; School Supplies for Migrant Children; Clothes and Food for the needy; Mothers Day Out; Council on Aging; Meals on Wheels and many other mission projects. They also feed the young people who participate in the Harvest of Hope Program.

Vera said she had to curtail some of her activities, on the advisement of her doctors, because of health reasons. She said about 44 members are planning to attend Annual Meeting in Lafayette.

Acadiana District: Emily McCoy gave her report to me at DELT. She reported that the Acadiana District has had a great year. They were excited about hosting the 1995 Annual Meeting at Asbury United Methodist Church in Lafayette. She said Kathleen Conrad and Mary Spell worked very hard with the members of Asbury to make this meeting a huge success.

They have had good representation and good participation for all training events and retreats, district as well as conference. So once again, they are blessed to see the ending of another year, and the opportunity to plan for another. With God's help, they will pass it on to 1996.

Membership Secretary: Harriette Elrod reported that attending the 1995 West Gulf Regional School of Christian Mission as Louisiana Conference Chairperson for Membership was an educational and spiritual experience. She said the enthusiasm was contagious and spiritual growth was lovingly nurtured by knowledgeable instructors. Women's Division issued materials to help inform members about the "Membership Campaign 1996-2002" and to help report our membership in a more structured pattern.

Results of UMW Sunday can be enjoyed by evidence in our Conference Scrapbooks. Smiles of children and young women join with ours in pictures sent by several units. The units in each district show joy in celebrating Christ's love in mission!

Harriette said that lack of money available, limited the Estelle Dameron Scholarships this

year to five recipients. The scholars were: Lana Davidson (Acadiana); Lana Lathan (Baton Rouge); Barbara Miller (Lake Charles); Veola Bradford (Monroe); and Beverly Sandidge (Monroe). Each of these applicants expressed great appreciation for the opportunity to participate in the School of Mission. She said to be sure to look for more information on membership in the September, 1995 Response Magazine.

Judy Greer is researching the previous directories/annual reports in order to compile a list of past presidents of Women's Mission organizations in Louisiana, and will submit her findings to the Executive Committee.

South Central Jurisdiction - Education For Mission: Cathy Parker reported that the Education for Mission task force has completed its five planned training for mission events. These events were used to help the United Methodist Women better understand their role in mission by "hands on" experience at some of the Women's Division projects. The projects were: the Houchan Community Center in El Paso, TX in March, 1994; (also visited the Lydia Patterson Institute and participated in 80th year celebration), Della Lamb Neighborhood House, in Kansas City, MO in August, 1994; United Centers, in Fort Worth, TX in March, 1995; (consists of five community centers, and a clinic), St. Marks's Community Center in New Orleans in May, 1995; and Camp Aldersgate in Little Rock, AR in August, 1995.

These "mini mission" events have given the women who attended, a new awareness of the way the money we contribute to missions has far reaching effects on people's lives by supporting the programs carried on at these and other mission centers of the United Methodist Church.

Approximately 40 women attended each of the events. The women were selected and invited to reach as many leaders as possible. Now each Conference President will appoint a committee to plan events to visit each mission center in their conferences to extend the awareness to local units.

Nominating Committee. Jan Randolph reported that all offices have been filled and will be presented at the Annual Meeting. She also said that the response to the talent bank has improved. At each UMW gathering, she found that by passing out the talent bank sheets, they are reaching more members.

District Elected Leaders Training: Joyce Hazel, Chairperson reported that DELT begins with dinner Friday, October 20 at 5:00 p.m. and ends with lunch on Saturday, October 21, 1995. We should plan to arrive early enough to register before 5:00 p.m. This year, we will have a Seminar of two workshops lead by Felicitas Salazar and Wilodyne Hooper, Women's Division representatives. The workshops will begin after dinner on Friday night and continue Saturday morning. The Counterpart training will take place on Saturday morning. All retiring conference officers as well as ongoing officers will be responsible for training counterparts. All District Presidents are requested to send the list of those who will attend by October 10, 1995 to Joyce Hazel. Pat reminded the presidents that we must pay for "no shows," so please be diligent about your numbers.

The Workshop Topics and voting:

1. **Building an Inclusive Community** - 8
2. **Creative Thinking** - 10
3. **Conflict Management** - 7
4. **Program Planning** - 17

The group voted to select the top numbers and they were: Creative Thinking with 10, and Program Planning with 17.

Joyce Hazel gave a report on the National Seminar she attended in August. She also presented us with audio tapes on "Bread of Life - The Spirit of Justice." They may be checked out by the districts who want to hear them.

Editor: Nancy Carruth said she is involved in so many conference activities. She received a call from the Bishop who asked that she would serve on a special committee. The special meeting on the conference center will take place on December 9 at the center. Letters have been mailed to all churches about this meeting. They are to return the enclosed card with registration fee, which will help to defray the cost of this meeting. Dr. Harvey Williamson has prepared a video tape of the status of the conference center. This tape will be shown by the District Superintendents in their districts. The conference center is coming along nicely, but like all building projects more money is needed than the original projection.

The district secretaries will be given the labels for their district officers and local presidents at DELT. All information has been mailed to the conference secretary, Fannie. Nancy said it is alright, if the secretary does not want to use those labels, just return them to her. The district secretary must, however, prepare 3 complete sets if her labels are not used. She also reminded all district presidents to be sure to share the importance of having the correct information and properly typed. All labels should be sent to her by December 1. The information for the newsletter should be sent to her by January 1. All new conference officers must submit a picture and short Biographical sketch by January 1, 1996.

Pat reminded the outgoing presidents that they must submit the president's (district) report to her.

Lottie thanked the executive committee for the great opportunities she has shared with United Methodist Women. Lottie said she attended Executive meetings for eight years before she could vote. She has thoroughly enjoyed her stay with United Methodist Women, and the voting privileges. Her daughter and son-in-law are going to send her on a vacation to Hawaii.

Kathleen said that the 1995 preparations and booklet for Annual Meeting have been placed on a computer disc, and therefore, it should be easy to plan for future Annual Meetings. She said that, if she would write a letter, to highlight her experiences with UMW, it would sound like this. (To read the complete letter, check January issue of the UMW Conference Newsletter).

Dear Qohelet,

You say you find life meaningless, well you must not be a UMW of the Louisiana Conference. You don't know what you've missed. Simple things like, hugs and smiles and heart warming greetings at every conference event.

I'm sorry you can't relate to having experienced your first Assembly as I did. Not only did I attend, but was a participant in the closing session.The Annual Meeting has taken on a new meaning as I've experienced the support of the community women who we'll just call "**We Can Do Women.**" just like myself that stir into flames their gifts, from God, and get a fire going!

.....Giving all the honor and praise to God for His mercy and deliverance and thanks to all of the UMW from the local, district, conference, jurisdiction and Women's Division who helped mold me into what I am today, **ONE PROUD, ENCOURAGED & WILLING UMW.**

Pat reminded the district presidents that all conference officers should get a copy of the district newsletters. She has enjoyed reading the ones that she has received, so far.

CONFERENCE RETREAT, 1995: Seola Callahan, Chairperson, sent her report, because she was ill during the time of Annual Meeting.

Seola reports that the 1995 UMW Conference Retreat was held at Tall Timbers Conference Center, Woodworth, February 24-26. "Seeking God's Face" was the theme and the theme scripture was Psalm 27:8, "Come," my heart says, "seek his face!" Your face, Lord, do I seek. Betty Ferrington was the Retreat Leader. She was assisted by Rev. Darlene Moore-James, who also served as Communion Celebrant, and Lisa and John Fugh, music directors.

Norma Winegeart was in charge of registration and housing. There were ninety-nine participants. The retreat date conflicted with the celebration of Mardi Gras but this was the only available date at Tall Timbers until May. The Retreat is supposed to be financially self-sustaining but due to the small registration, we did not meet all of our expenses.

The retreat was well planned and coordinated. Betty Ferrington and Darlene Moore-James worked together to help the group "Seek God's Face" corporately and individually. There was a time for meditation and silence; music and celebration; sharing and growing; fellowship and joy. A time to set ourselves apart from our normal world; to be still and listen; to seek and find. Under the guidance of John and Lisa Fugh we were inspired by music performance and participation. The evaluations were filled with words of praise for all who made the event possible. It was a time of seeking, finding and experiencing God.

Seola said they recommend that 1997 Retreat not be held during Mardi Gras. We anticipate that the new United Methodist Conference Center at Woodworth will not be available before January, 1997. Betty Carlin was the assistant chairperson.

Rita Parham shared her experiences with us about how she got started in UMW activities.

As the outgoing president of the Baton Rouge District, she has enjoyed herself and looks forward to continuing as a conference officer.

Vera Bulloch also shared her experiences and how much she has enjoyed working with UMW. She told us a little about her profession as Nurse, from which she retired after working 43 years. She said that she will never retire from UMW, She enjoys it too much.

Jean Rockhold also shared her experiences with and how much she has enjoyed working in the different capacities and especially as the Ruston District President. She too will continue to work with UMW.

Pat asked that all district and conference officers participate in the processional. Members of the Charter Committee are to meet with her in the Sanctuary at 10:30 a.m. Kathleen was asked to relay that message to Emily.

The dedication of the 1995 Annual Report/Directory will be dedicated to the memory of Geneva Bell, past Coordinator of Christian Social Involvement.

Mary asked that it would be appreciated if the vouchers will be given to her ASAP, so that she will not have to mail them. It may help to save the conference a few dollars.

Pat also asked that we remember to pick up the application for the Promise Award, and the information about St. Mark's Community Center.

The Meeting was adjourned as we joined hands in a circle, and Pat offered the closing prayer.

Post-Executive Meeting Saturday, September 16, 1995

The Meeting was called to order by the president, Pat Cobb, after a lovely lunch, which was prepared by the United Methodist Women of Asbury UMC. The new officers were introduced, DELT flyers were distributed, UMW conference calendar and officers' list was also distributed. The corrections were made on the master sheet, so that Pat can make the necessary changes. The Newly elected officers to attend Leadership Training Event (LTE), which was formerly called NOTE, are: Annette, Gwen, Rita, Eloise and Rosalie.

Annette Fortuna will chair the 1996 Annual Meeting, which will be held in Monroe. Christine Coleman will be the new Monroe District President. The Annual Meeting offering was \$1,443.07. Kathleen Conrad will send a list of the Annual Meeting Task Force Committee Chairs, so that we can express our appreciation to them.

The meeting was adjourned with a prayer by Annette Fortuna.

Examiners: Jean Rockhold - Lou Medlock

Fannie P. Reddix, Secretary

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PASS IT ON!

The Twenty-Second Annual Meeting of the Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women opened Friday, September 15, 1995 at 1:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary of Asbury United Methodist Church, Lafayette, LA. President, Pat Cobb convened the meeting and presided. The president led the assembly in affirming the purpose of United Methodist Women read in unison.

WELCOME - Welcomes were given by Reverend Robert Burgess, Pastor of Asbury United Methodist Church; Rev. Terry Willis, District Superintendent of Acadiana District; Emily McCoy, President of Acadiana District; and Mary Smallwood, President of Asbury United Methodist Women.

Special guests and visitors recognized were Myrtle Clingenpeel, South Central Jurisdiction Treasurer; Mary Lou Blakeman, Speaker; Norma Winegeart and Janelle McCammon, Past Conference Presidents; former Wesleyan Service Guild Secretaries: Amy Ward, Gloria Bennett and Minza Rabun. Others were introduced as they appeared on the program.

PRESENTATION OF THE PROGRAM - Kathleen Conrad, Chairperson of the Annual Meeting, and Mary Spell, Assistant Chairperson presented the program. **"Pass It On"** Number 572 in the hymnal was the theme song and the scripture, **John 4:39 (NIV)**. Randall Henry designed the Program book cover and ribbon. He is an instructor of Art at Southern University, Baton Rouge, LA.

LIGHTING OF THE MISSION CANDLE - Luberda Myers, former conference Program Resources Secretary conducted the lighting of the Mission Candle Ceremony, with these words, "It only takes a spark to get a fire going within each member of the United Methodist Women, and soon all those around her can warm up in its glowing. That's how it is with God's love once you've experienced it; you spread his love to everyone; you want to pass it on. As we light the annual Mission Candle, we call to mind past, present, and future gifts of God, abundantly given."

"The monetary gifts you have given will support Undesignated Mission through the Women's Division in honor of those persons and groups whose names are inscribed in our Mission Candle Book. In 1995 it cost \$38.55 per minute to support this mission. Our 1995 Mission Candle will burn 4 hours, 20 minutes, and 0 seconds, representing Total Gifts of \$10,023.00."

OPENING WORSHIP - Music director, Lee Cook, and Organist, Jan Cook were the

music leaders for the Annual Meeting. Worship began with the singing of our theme hymn #572, "Pass It On." We were delighted with an a cappella rendition of "My Soul is a Witness for My Lord." The opening devotional was given by Rev. Juliet Deschner.

This portion of the program was closed with special music led by Lee and Jan Cook.

BUSINESS SESSION:

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT - President Pat Cobb gave the following report:

"Many believed because of the woman's testimony." John 4:39a

How many have believed because of what we said? How many joined United Methodist Women because of the image we portrayed? Perhaps we need to examine our words and actions. If we are to remain a vital organization into the 21st Century we **must** live out the admonition of this year's theme to " *Pass It On.*"

A reading in the *Upper Room* earlier this year caught my attention. It was entitled "*Don't Pass It On.*" This came a few weeks after the meeting to establish the theme. There was this scenario: Got up late, in a hurry to get to work; annoyed by traffic delays, honked horn at driver in front for not moving fast enough when light changes. He panics and accelerates; another driver honks at him. Tempers flare, perhaps causing an accident. What began with a small irritation could cause a chain reaction. Frustration and ill will is not what we are to share. Jesus tells us to love and help one another.

Have you ever had an incident in your local unit that was not quite exemplary of the Christian Life? How did it affect those present? Did that situation get **Passed on** to others who were not involved? Care must be taken to instill positive feelings.

We have a rich heritage from the predecessor organizations of United Methodist Women. When Barbara Campbell of the Women's Division was going through old records in preparation for retirement earlier this year, she sent me a copy of minutes of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Foreign Missionary Society from 1884 to 1896! Handwritten records were compiled in 1954 into this **bound booklet**. The foreword states, "**At the quadrennial session of the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in Atlanta Georgia, on May 23, 1878, authority was granted for the organization of the women of the church into Foreign Missionary Society. Acting under this authority, the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Louisiana Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was organized in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, during the session of the Annual Conference, which began on December 19, 1879. The meeting was held in the home of Mrs. W. M. Reade, and she was elected the first president.**"

Reading these minutes proved fascinating; their joys and their sorrows were much like ours today. The reports of local auxiliaries, as they were called, ranged from being in

"languishing condition, though still clinging to life," to being in a "flourishing state." They even organized "Juvenile Societies" and in a report of those who had died during the year it was noted that one young member, *"on his death bed, under intense suffering remembered his responsibility and asked for his dues to be paid."* I'm sure you will find it interesting that during an intermission at one meeting the women "partook of coffee grown in the yard of the missionaries to Brazil."

The book, "To a Higher Glory," documents the developments of African-American women organized for mission. Many of you will remember Ruth Carter, one of the authors of this book. It tells how these women contributed to the success of the Woman's Home Missionary Society on local, district, conference and national levels. The book states, "Although records on the early black WHMS units are scarce," it was noted that Louisiana was involved from an early date.

Through the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, the Woman's Home Missionary Society, the Women's Society of World Service, the Woman's Society of Christian Service, the Wesleyan Service Guild and others, we have helped establish schools, hospitals, community centers and other institutions. **Dulac, MacDonell's and St. Mark's** are all products of these organizations. We have been a part of the nurturing process through undesignated giving and hands-on involvement with these and other agencies. We have **Passed It On** in many ways.

Your Conference Mission Team was **Passed It On**, too. Elected District Officers met with Conference Officers at District Elected Leaders Train, **DELT**, last October, when they received information, and hopefully, inspiration from their counterparts. The District Officers, in turn, passed on this information at local leaders' training in their districts.

The bi-annual **Conference Retreat** was held in February at Tall Timbers. Attendance was lower than usual this year because it was necessary to change the date to Mardi Gras weekend. The theme "**Seeking God's Face**" provided an opportunity to set ourselves apart from the normal world; to be still and listen; to seek and find. It was the prayer of the leaders that as we sought God's face, we would actually participate with God in leading others to say, "Your face, Lord, do I seek." ...another way to **Pass It On**.

One of the highlights of the year is our **School of Christian Mission** held in July at Centenary College in Shreveport. It takes a lot of ants to build a hill; so it is with our school. The School Committee meets in earnest in November; the Dean, Assistant Dean and others work during the year to secure faculty and plan other activities. Conference Officers and Study Group Leaders attend the West Gulf Regional School in June to experience the studies. This is also when Women's Division counterparts **Pass On** to Conference Officers information in **Officer Update** sessions to help them be more effective. Many hands are required to prepare displays, set up literature, plan worship, have appropriate music, etc. in addition to the studies that participants can take back home and **Pass It On**.

You may have heard that we will have another avenue for *Passing It On* next year. We plan to have a session for **children**, ages 7 through 12, at School of Missions, hopefully instilling

into youngsters an interest and enthusiasm for mission. Watch for details as plans are developed. We covet your prayers as we embark on this new venture; we also ask your financial support by way of scholarships. This will be an expensive undertaking; it is our aim to offer scholarships to as many as we can. If you are already including the Estelle Dameron Scholarship Fund in your local budgets, perhaps you can consider an increase, and if this is not in your budget, won't you consider adding a line item. Mothers, grandmothers, this will be your opportunity to come to School of Missions and bring the children along! What a great way to **Pass It On**.

I would like to pause a moment to remember those faithful members of United Methodist Women who have died since we last met. If you would share with us a name, ...the respond will be, "Lord, we give thanks for your servant." Pat began by remembering Maude Harris, and others joined in with their names.

She said we can truly honor those who have gone before us by pledging to recruit new members, particularly young women; sustain and revitalize current members; strive to have a unit in every local church; encourage growth in understanding of mission to all, including children. The theme song reminds us that "it only takes a spark..." When you want to **Pass It On**, be sure to use a live, glowing ember. In the minutes from 1892 it said, "The sermon preached was brimful of missionary zeal and information. The pastor's enthusiastic tribute to our honored workers inspired his hearers with a fixed purpose to press forward."

As Pat closed she reminded us that to remain a vital organization into the 21st Century, we must each, as individuals, **Pass It On!** Will you accept the challenge?

Charter For Racial Justice - The charter committee presented a skit about a "Unit of UMW." The committee has prepared applications for the humanitarian Award that was initiated last year. It is called the Promise Award. The details for applying for the award was published in the January, 1995 newsletter. Application forms are available at the registration tables.

Recommendations of the Executive Committee - The executive committee submitted the following recommendations for nominees to the Women's Division: Pat Cobb, Norma Winegeart, and Fannie Reddix; with Lottie Palazzo as an alternate. All were accepted by acclamation by the Annual Meeting membership.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED - Betty C. Cummings, Louisiana State President of Church Women United brought greetings from the CWU in LA. They have had a busy year, beginning with Annual Meetings of various units in the state and ending with the second Biennial Leadership Workshop at McGuire UMC in West Monroe, March 17-18, 1995. The National President of CWU, Ann Baker Garvin was their main speaker at the Leadership Workshop. Betty said she called their attention to Matthew 13, 1-9: "The sower went out to sow the seed..." What kind of crop depends on what kind of seed we sow. How good a crop depends a lot on (soil) preparation."

Betty said that CWU has the..."job to demonstrate that CWU offers women the

chance,...within their time constraints, to be a part of some good work; expanding good Christian, rewarding, and personally satisfying concerns for someone else's welfare.

Among the many projects, CWU will continue to supply the "health kits" or "ditty bags" to the women at LCIW, the St. Gabriel prison for women. They delivered 528 of the bags to them on August 18.

A table located in the hallway between the Sanctuary and classrooms, has pillows, toys, any crafts for sale; and literature about CWU. The proceeds will be given to the patients who made the items.

1995 CONFERENCE GOALS - Hilda D. Sills, Vice President, presented the following Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women goals:

1. By 1996, we will include children ages 7-12 to participate in the Louisiana Conference School of Christian Mission. We shall continue to encourage high school girls to participate.
2. We shall work towards increasing certification in the area of:
 - * Supportive Community
 - * Reading Program
 - * Excellence of Studies
 - * Charter for Racial Justice Policies (Promise Award)
 - * Membership ("Women in Mission" Award)
3. Continue to implement Five-Star "Mission Living" in order to increase Five-Star Certification by 25% annually to the year 2000.

MOTION WAS MADE BY HILDA D. SILLS THAT THESE GOALS BE ADOPTED BY THE CONFERENCE. SECONDED AND CARRIED.

Mission Education Event - Marie Young and four other ladies from Louisiana attended the Mission Education Event at Aldersgate in Little Rock, AR in August, 1995. Marie said that this opportunity for "hands-on" was a wonderful experience involving work, study and fellowship.

Supportive Community - Lou Medlock, Coordinator said that this has been a most rewarding year. She has Certificates of Recognition for the following districts: 4 units in Alexandria; 2 units in Lake Charles and 1 unit in New Orleans.

Standing Rules and Guidelines - Maxie Garrett, outgoing Chairperson, presented each conference officer with an updated copy of the Standing Rules and Guidelines booklet for LA United Methodist Women. Maxie thanked Mary Quinones for the data entry of the standing rules and guidelines information on the computer disc. Maxie said now it will be "easy" to update and revise the standing rules and guidelines.

Membership Secretary - Harriette Elrod reported that lack of money available, limited the number of Estelle Dameron Scholarships this year to five recipients. The Scholars were: Lana Davidson, (Acadiana); Lana Lathan (Baton Rouge); Barbara Miller (Lake Charles); Veola Bradford (Monroe); and Beverly Sandidge (Monroe).

She also said that Women's Division issued materials at Regional School, to help inform members about the "Membership Campaign 1996-2002" and to help report the membership in a more structured pattern.

Reading Program - Helen Allemond, outgoing Conference Mission Coordinator of Christian Personhood reported that she signed 314 certificates for the reading program participants. This number is slightly down from the number on last year.

Sager-Brown Center for Enabling Ministries - Sarah Schoeffler reported that Sager-Brown Center is very busy with the varied projects that are now in operation. She said that there is a need for volunteers in all of the projects. A new project is the UMCOR Material Resources Depot. The collection Depot will be completed in late January, 1996 and will be ready to receive items by February 1. Women's Division has requested that the Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women participate in the dedication of the Sager Brown Center Depot by sending Household Kits. The first items requested are repatriation needs in Liberia. The dedication will be for March 1, 1996. If you would like to volunteer, contact Sarah Schoeffler or Rev. Susan Pugh, P. O. Box 239, Baldwin, LA 70514.

Finance Report and 1996 Budget - Mary Quinones, Treasurer reported that our treasury as a Louisiana Conference of United Methodist Women is funded entirely by our GIFTS! She said that these GIFTS are given with the intent to maintain and support Christ's mission right here in Louisiana, throughout the United States of America and its' territories, and around the world. We are responsible for the mission that was begun by our foremothers! The Pledge to your local unit supports mission already established and enables vision for new mission to be **PASSED ON** from generation to generation.

The 1994 Pledges to Mission enabled the Louisiana Conference UMW to pay \$237,689.93 of our \$300,000.00 **UNDESIGNATED PLEDGE**. Because our **PLEDGE TO CHRIST'S MISSION** needs to be both realistic and visionary, the Conference Executive Mission Team is recommending that the **PLEDGE TO MISSION** for 1996 be reduced. This budget encompasses both a **PLEDGE TO MISSION** of \$250,000.00, plus \$62,915.00 for Administration and Membership Development, which **TOTALS** \$312,915.00.

MOTION WAS MADE BY MARY QUINONES THAT THE 1996 BUDGET BE ADOPTED BY THE CONFERENCE. SECONDED AND CARRIED.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS - Jan Randolph, Chairperson presented the following nominees for officers and term of office:

Secretary of Program Resources Gwen Streams-Sherrer 2 years

Secretary of Publicity/Public Relations Rita Parham 2 years

Coordinator of Christian Personhood Annette Fortuna 1 year

Committee on Nominations Eloise Cox 4 years

Committee on Nominations Rosalie Pryor 4 years

Nominated for re-election:

President Pat Cobb 2 years

Secretary Fannie P. Reddix 2 years

Mission Coordinator of
 Christian Global Concerns Marie Young 2 years

Chairperson, Committee on Membership Harriette Elrod 2 years

ELECTION OF CONFERENCE OFFICERS - There were no nominations from the floor and all nominees were elected by acclamation.

THIS CONCLUDES THE BUSINESS SESSION.

BREAK - A short break was followed by UMW sings, led by Jan and Lee Cook.

GREETINGS FROM THE JURISDICTION - Myrtle Clingenpeel, Treasurer of the South Central Jurisdiction, brought greetings from the Jurisdiction. Myrtle said the chief emphasis is planning for a quadrennial meeting every four years. The next meeting will take place in Omaha, NB - May 3-5, 1996. Our very own Kathleen Conrad is on the Core Planning Team.

REPORTS FROM LA CONFERENCE MISSION PROJECTS

MacDonell United Methodist Children's Services - Kandy Theriot, Resource Development Director, brought greetings from the MacDonell United Methodist Children's Services. She shared a progress report from Gerald J. Bridges, Director, who could not attend. They have 36 children in residence at MacDonell. They continue to provide them with not only basic nurturing, but with weekly therapy sessions to help in the healing process. They have hired two additional social services counselors. The children have begun a new project that hopefully will give them a "taste of the business world." They cut the pictures from old greeting cards and recycle them into new cards to sell. All the profits from the sale of the cards will go directly to the children who participate in creating the cards.

There are several activities planned for the year, including the MacDonell Benefit Fishing Rodeo, Greg-Leblanc Nissan-Pontiac Tennis Tournament, Memory Brick Walk, and the Annual Volunteer Activist Gala.

They purchased a 15 passenger, 1994 van in January and they are currently completing the renovations to Laskey Cottage where 12 older boys are housed.

DULAC COMMUNITY CENTER - Rev. Donald Morgan, Director reported that the ministry at Dulac is accomplishing some great things. The Dulac Cooperative Ministry is made up of three entities: Clanton Chapel UMC (a Native American Congregation), UMCOR (which serves Terrebone Parish) and the Dulac Community Center (which is a mission of the National Division of the General Board of Global Ministries). The people we serve are primarily Native Americans, and are mostly fishermen and shrimpers. Generally they are below the poverty level, and most do not have a high school diploma; this simply says "they have a constant uphill battle just to maintain a standard of living that most of us might remember from the 1940's.

A "Child Advocacy" service is provided for 30 homes. Through this program, first-time mothers are taught basic parenting skills. An attempt is made to also teach them how to cope with their frustrations, lower the tension level; and thereby directly affect the problem of child abuse in these small children. Educational opportunities are provided all the way from "Head Start" and Pre-school to "GED tutoring" to "Adult Literacy" to "College Classes." Last fall Dulac was fortunate to become one of Nicholls State University's "Off Campus Sites." Classes such as world history, introduction to computers, Sociology, TV, and a computer lab were in operation last year. Twenty-one graduating seniors were able to get college scholarship this year; a few are attending Nicholls State University.

Some of the new developments at the Dulac Community Center include "Heritage Arts and Crafts Festival," and the establishment of a sewing center. The relationship with Nicholls State University has resulted in the offering of Continuing Education classes at Dulac. Hopefully in the future, a fully accredited GED training school and a job-training school for LPN's and Nurses Assistants, will be a reality at Dulac Community Center.

ST. MARK'S COMMUNITY CENTER - Rev. Gregor Dike, Director reported that St. Mark's Community Center's Street Academy is the only junior high alternative school for Orleans Parish Public School students. The students, about 70, who enroll per year are three or four grade levels behind their class. Youth developmental programs, life skills programs and tutoring are also provided, servicing about 2,300 youth per year. Training is also available for "Day Care Workers." There are two day care centers, serviced through the St. Mark's Community Center but are housed in Carver High School and the Main Post Office.

Rev. Dike left a few pamphlets that gives more details of the varied mission ministries provided by St. Mark's Community Center.

Pat said that during the break, she was informed by Norma Winegeart that her

mother had compiled the records of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and put them into a bound booklet.

Pat also recognized the presence of the New Orleans District Superintendent, Carol Cotton-Winn.

RETIRING OFFICERS - Nancy Carruth, honored the officers for Seola Callahan who was ill. Before honoring the retiring officers, Nancy asked that we would pause for a moment of silent prayer for Seola and Betty Carlin who recently had a heart cauterization. She began by reading this scenario: "A little girl and her mother were leaving the Sanctuary one Sunday morning when the little girl asked, "who is that up in the window?" The mother replied, "Saint Paul." As they came to the next window the little girl repeated her question, "Mama, who is that in the beautiful colored window?" The mother answered, "Saint Peter," The question was the same at every window and each time the mother would answer, "Saint Thomas, Saint James, etc. Suddenly the little girl look up, her eyes sparkling, and said, "Now I know what a Saint is! It's someone who lets the light shine through."

"Today we are honoring some very special people whom God has used to let the light shine through. They have given the fullest measure of their talents. They have been faithful and devoted to the responsibilities for which they were elected. They have spent many hours studying, planning, driving many miles, talking on the phone...and now they are retiring from office to move into other areas of service. We appreciate all they have done to expand the concepts of mission and to help us grow spiritually."

The retiring officers are: Helen Allemond, Coordinator for Christian Personhood, 3 years; Lottie Palazzo, Secretary for Program Resources, 3 years; Kathleen Conrad, Publicity and Public Relations, 2 years; Alemeda LeDoux and Jane Deville, members of the Nominating Committee, and Maxie Garrett, Chairperson of Committee on Standing Rules, 2 years. (The complete ceremony has been filed)

Announcements: The Shreveport District will have dinner at the Cajun Pier. Mary Quinones would like to meet with the treasurers this evening. We were dismissed with a prayer, led by Pat.

Friday Evening 7:30 p.m.

Laura Meade and Jan Cook opened the evening session with UMW Sings. The Bell Choir from First United Methodist Church of New Iberia rendered a few lovely selections. After the call to worship and the Hymn #463, the evening Meditation was given by Rev. Darlene Moore-James.

Evening Meditation: Rev. Darlene Moore-James based her meditation on the "Woman At the Well, with the vessel." A few excerpts from her meditation include: "If you would, I would invite you...to take a deep breath, ...after a day that the Lord has made; ...take another

breath, and know that the life of God is truly in this place." "Let us pray, "Eternal and gracious God we are your vessels, you are the potter, and we are the clay. "We come to the well that runs so deep, to be filled with the life that only you can give." "We thirst for you Dear Lord, we even hunger....to leave this place renewed with your spirit... O Lord you are my rock, you are my living stream and you are my redeemer, in Christ's name let the redeemed of the Lord say, Amen!" "A meditation of the heart and spirit and truth is something only God can give." And every day we thank God for the great cloud of witnesses, ..."Pass It On..." Jesus asked the woman at the well to fetch him a glass of water...the woman was amazed that Jesus was speaking to her....He is speaking so beautifully to us and as He is speaking, He is saying, yes you've fallen short, maybe you did not give all your pledges last year. ...The Lord knows everything...a change is going to take place." ..."She was a praying woman..."Jesus will always make it possible to meet every need.... ..."She is going to tell others,....share the good news...

Jesus can change everything... the Lord wants us to come, and we have come. "But He also has a challenge, and that is to leave this place as witnesses to His spirit, and to His truth."

Introduction of Speaker - Pat introduced the speaker, Mary Lou Blakeman. Pat said Mary Lou suggested, while serving as a Conference officer, that a scholarship be established to assist persons who wanted to attend the school of mission. This idea caught on and the Estelle Dameron Scholarship was established. It was at the request of Mary Lou that the Bishop put UMW Sunday on the Conference calendar. She is the mother of three, wife of a minister and is the Co-Author of the book for the study of Ecclesiastes. After the special music by Laura Meade, the next voice you will hear is that of our speaker, Mary Lou Blakeman.

Laura Meade sang "Precious Lord, Take My Hand."

SPEAKER - Mary Lou Blakeman. Mary Lou told us a little about her childhood days at Hennings UMC. That was her home church. As a grownup, She went back to her home church to teach the same ladies who taught her, but now as the minister's wife. "She said, as the lessons progressed, we could still see that we were on a journey together." She decided to teach in a mission school after having experienced a poor teacher in school of mission.

"How are we going to pass it on? Who is going to pass it on?" She works as a Psychologist for disturbed youth. She told us about a boy she named "Ricky." She said, one day she heard a knock at her window. She let Ricky in her office and he shared a story about his life with her. He was 17 and had been locked up for two years. When she first started working with him, he was on the 2nd grade level in math, and after two years, he had progressed to the 6th grade level. He said he had improved himself and wanted to do well when he leaves this facility. The boy said he was not sleeping well nor eating well, and wanted to know what was wrong with him. Mary Lou replied, "maybe you are depressed or have fears." He replied that he had both. He said he was afraid to go back to his community. Mary said they worked together, to make life better for Ricky.

As Mary began her message, she provided us with a little background information on the youth in crisis in Louisiana. She quoted statistics about one parish having suspended over 3,200 students in one year; which is twice the national average. The fact that we have a higher prison population and the number of students being suspended and expelled from school at an alarming rate, speaks "awry." Somewhere, she said, "we in Louisiana have got to come to grips with what it means, to Pass It On."

Mary Lou said she did not want to share everything tonight, but wanted us to understand the significance of what we are saying and what is happening not only to our juveniles, but to our adult population. We send these persons who commit crimes to jail;--we lock our doors, we get our guns, we get our guards put on, and turn on our security systems. Why? "Because we are afraid. No matter how many we lock up, there are always more to do violence." "Something has got to change." "Something has to happen." She said that when she read the story about the woman at the well, she was struck by three things about that story. "One of the first things was..." "Jews and Samaritans didn't like each other; going back over 400 years during the time of Caesar the exile, the ones who were left were the poor, the lame and the sick and those who didn't matter. All the educated and all the rich people carried off.

...One of the very early stories in John is Jesus talking to the Samaritans. As we go through the story, there are so many sermons that could be preached, but she invited us to preach our own. The second thing that struck her was that here Jesus was talking to a woman. A woman who was different. And the third reason, we know from our history lesson, women usually drew water in the early hours of the morning or after the sun went down. They used this time to spread the news, to catch up on gossip.

"What is happening in this story? Mary Lou asked that if we had our bible, to read John 4:28. "Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to town and said to the people, "Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. "Could this be Christ?" "They left the city and were on their way to see him." "Mary talked about the favorite pot, we may use. She talked about the woman who left her water jar, to go and tell others of her experience with Jesus. Mary Lou said, "after she accepted this "living water," she goes in haste to talk to those people who did not care for her." "What would be your reaction, if Jesus told you everything you had ever done?" "I think I would be embarrassed." "I think I would be ashamed." Yet this woman leaves her best pot and goes into the city...Jesus is going to be truthful with us and accept us, wart and all.

Mary asked, "How long has it been since you heard Ezekiel and the way to "Pass It On?" "Have you ever thought of Ezekiel; a very colorful person. Let us look at Ezekiel 37:1-10. "The hand of the Lord was upon me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the Lord and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me back and forth among them. And I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry. He asked me, "Son of man, can these bones live? I said, "O Sovereign Lord, you alone know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones and say to them. 'Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord! This is what the Sovereign Lord says to these bones: I will make breath enter you and will come to life.'" Mary said, "do you know of a church that needs to change its name to **"The First United**

Methodist Church of the Valley of the Dry Bones?" "Do you have any units like that in our districts and our conference?

"They may have ushers, they may have singers, and all the trappings, but there ain't no **breath**. What are we going to do with our churches, with our people, with our dinners? We may be dead. Dry bones! We may need to visit Ezekiel to increase the membership, It is a challenge! If there was ever a place when people needed the word of God and breath, it is now. Ezekiel prophesied as God told him to. ...God said, "prophesy and the breath will come. Breath is very important. What happens if we don't breathe? We must breathe to live. In Genesis God said let us make people. He blew into their nostrils the breath of life. ...Until the spirit of God came into us. We have to realize that we need God's grace to Pass It On. God has to come into our lives in his own free way. This woman met the master, she learned the truth about our first key. Our second key is that marvelous idea of breath. Quothet in Ecclesiastes wrestled with breath. ...Vanity can be translated as breath in Hebrew. Vanity, oh Vanity, all is Vanity. All is breath. Without breath, we die. The marvelous thing about breath is, if we don't take the next one, we die. Darlene started us with two deep breaths tonight. We have to be renewed, everyday. How are you renewed? How do you renew yourself? Do you pray? Do you do Bible Study? Do you lead a prayer group? Do you work in a reality program? Do you volunteer somewhere? How is it that you renew yourself? I think the second key is to be generous with ourselves. We have to be renewed.

Mary continued with, "We looked at two examples, did you see yourself in any of those? In the next example, it is about the story of Jonah. A cantankerous old man. He promised God something and God came to collect. Jonah never made it to his destination, he went to sleep and a storm came, and he was swallowed by a fish. After three days he was expelled from the fish's belly. Then the word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, to go to the city of Nineveh. Jonah built himself a house, and grew a nice plant, that died. In Jonah 4:9 'But God said to Jonah, Do you have a right to be angry about the vine?' "I do," he said, "I am angry enough to die." But the Lord said, 'you have been concerned about this vine, though you did not tend it or make it grow.' It sprang up overnight and died overnight. But Nineveh has more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who cannot tell their right hand from their left, and many cattle as well. Should I not be concerned about that great city?"

Mary asked, "do you have anybody in your churches, like this old cantankerous man? Someone who works hard to not do any work? That is something we have to look at. Some people never change. That cantankerous old coddler, may be able to work miracles. It is not up to us to judge. We have to let people do things in their own way, because God may be using them. ...We have to accept it and go on.

"The last key to Pass It On, can be seen through the story of Ruth. Naomi and her sons and her husband went to a foreign country because there was a famine. The boys married. One of them married Ruth. Naomi lost her husband and her two sons. She told her daughters-in-law to go to their homes, and she was bitter and was going back to her country. But Ruth told Naomi that she would not leave her. As the story goes, Ruth gleaned in the fields and helped

to take care of Naomi. She did whatever she needed to do to accomplish the wonderful goal. Together they concocted a plan to have Boaz take notice of Ruth and marry her. Ruth had a son with Boaz and let Naomi raise that son. "Mary said, 'It is hard for me to say this, but she thinks that it has to be said. You have worked day after day after day, gleaning souls in the field. Right. From early in the morning to late at night, you have been ministering for people. You have taught Bible School, you taught Sunday School, you have been there as our counselor. You have done everything that needed to be done, over and over and over. Is there anybody here who worked like that? Yes,-- you are needed today.

"It is necessary for you to be there. Your understanding, your strength and courage is needed. It is going to take the Ruth, the woman at the well, it is going to take us all. Do you have anyone who is old in the unit? Can they be used to minister through the phone? Do you have any young mothers? Have you inquired as to whether they can participate in short term projects? We have to use our imagination. Miracles do happen. We need our youth, children, young mothers and our children to Pass It On. If Ezekiel can reach dry bones, we can work to make things better. "Ricky you have inspired us to meet the Lord. What do you think you are going to do in life? If I go in your neighborhood...people will not listen to me. But you have youth and can relate.... A question for all of us to ponder: Will you make a difference, when you go home? Mary Lou ended with a prayer. The benediction was given by Rev. Darlene Moore-James.

Saturday, September 16, 1995

After UMW sings, which was led by Laura Meade, Rev. Ann Sutton gave the morning meditation.

Morning Meditation - Rev. Ann Sutton's meditation was entitled "Aerobics For Believers." She said that everyone is exercising; from riding bikes to rollerblading, power walking, water aerobics to Kung Fu. People are seeing the value of exercising their bodies to promote health. Ann recounted the days when she played basketball and how they would prepare their bodies for the season. She said "now we may be all beset by some specific areas that need some exercise, like choir directors wobble or pew potato spread, for those you have to hit the gym. She gave us three specific areas to exercise: First, we need to warm up the heart. The main thrust of all exercise is to get your heart going. Do a little cardiovascular work. Paul had the same thing in mind in Ephesians 3:18. Paul prayed for the believers that they may be able to "grasp, with all God's people, what is the breadth and length and height and depth of knowledge."....Because until we are convinced that God loves us completely and unconditionally how can we begin to share that love. ...We can not give away, or pass on anything until we are completely sure we have it to give away. Stretch your heart.

"Second, stretch your arms wide to embrace those whom God has called you to love. UMW from its very beginning has been made up of the movers and shakers that get things done. You have tremendous power within your churches." "She challenged us to use that power to love those who we may have thought in an earlier time did not fit into our church. Include people

who are different from you; include people who are hard to include, reach out to young mothers, to working mothers, to unwed mothers, and to single mothers. And don't go to meeting on the third Tuesday of every month at 10:00 a.m. and cross your arms under your bosom and say, "well nobody new wants to come to our meetings. They know that we are here, and if they wanted to come, they would be here." "How about a circle that meets at a local restaurant, once a month for working women? How about a circle that meets in the homes of shut-ins in small groups to include those that can no longer come. What about a circle that always has nursery care?"

"Last, stretch your eyes. You remember that it was Paul who had the scales removed from his eyes, and he never the saw the world the same again. We need a vision of what United Methodist Women can see in the next century. We need to see how we can pass on the vision, the mission, the fellowship that has been ours--to generations to come." In Ann's closing remarks, she challenged us to: "stretch our heart to be filled to overflowing with God's love; Stretch our arms to embrace all those who need God's love; and Stretch our eyes to see where, how and to whom we will Pass It On!

After the morning meditation, we were graced with several selections from the "Voices of Joy" from Neely United Methodist Church from Baton Rouge, LA.

PLEDGE SERVICE -Lois Heath, Secretary for Financial Interpretation led the Pledge Service.

CONFERENCE TREASURER: Our Conference Financial Goal for 1996, as adopted by this body, is "To implement Five-Star mission 'Living' in order to accomplish Five-Star Mission 'Giving.' Each local unit makes a 1996 Undesignated Pledge to the district and each district makes a 1996 Undesignated Pledge to the Louisiana Conference. The Conference Pledge you have approved represents the total of district pledges, other anticipated undesignated offerings, and a stepping out in faith for the ministry of Jesus Christ.

CONFERENCE SECRETARY FOR FINANCIAL INTERPRETATION: The program of the United Methodist Women is mission. This has been the emphasis since the very beginning with the Missionary Society on down through the Women's Society of Christian Service and how the United Methodist Women. Today, let us think of our organization as a spark beginning with mission. The field is large and includes services in places all over the World. But a spark can get a fire going, let us spread God's love to everyone and pass it on.

CONFERENCE TREASURER: As we receive the Undesignated Pledge from each district, we ask that members from that district stand together. A member from your District will lead you as you respond.

ACADIANA DISTRICT: (Standing and in Unison) As United Methodist Women in the **ACADIANA DISTRICT**, we will take a spark to get a fire going for children. As we hear the cries and see the tears we pledge \$19,000.00.

ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT: (Standing and in Unison) As United Methodist Women in the **ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT**, we will take a spark to get a fire going for medical work. For the skilled teams that provide service in remote areas to improve lives we pledge \$27,000.00

BATON ROUGE DISTRICT: (Standing and in Unison) As United Methodist Women in the **BATON ROUGE DISTRICT**, we will take a spark to get a fire going for those in poverty. To help alleviate the root cause of hunger related diseases and homelessness we pledge \$39,000.00.

LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT: (Standing and in Unison) As United Methodist Women in the **BATON ROUGE DISTRICT**, we will take a spark to get a fire going for clean water. To help provide safe water for drinking, bathing, animals, and farmlands we pledge \$41,000.00.

MONROE DISTRICT: (Standing and in Unison) As United Methodist Women in the **MONROE DISTRICT**, we will take a spark to get a fire going for the earth and all God's creations. We will educate for an awareness to learn to treat the earth kindly so that future generations may live, we pledge \$29,000.00.

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT: (Standing and in Unison) As United Methodist Women in the **NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT**, we will take a spark to get a fire going for peace. For the removal of strife and warfare so that all classes and nations may dwell together in love and harmony, we pledge \$45,000.00.

NORTH SHORE DISTRICT: (Standing and in Unison) As United Methodist Women in the **NORTH SHORE DISTRICT**, we will take a spark to get a fire going for education. To help build schools for children and youth in isolated rural settings and to support literacy programs for adults, we pledge \$21,500.00.

RUSTON DISTRICT: (Standing and in Unison) As United Methodist Women in the **RUSTON DISTRICT**, we will take a spark to get a fire going for abused women. To help provide the daily needs of these women so they may lead healthy and productive lives we pledge \$30,000.00.

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT: (Standing and in Unison) As United Methodist Women in the **SHREVEPORT DISTRICT**, we will take a spark to get a fire going for justice. By working together may we make a difference and move the world closer to a just society, to help this happen we pledge \$47,000.00.

CONFERENCE TREASURER & ALL CONFERENCE OFFICERS FOR 1996:
(Standing and in Unison) We have come with a spark. This spark is a symbol of graces of christian services that will always be found in the lives of those who work to fulfill the purpose of United Methodist Women. The nine sparks represent only a time view of the multitude of projects we help fund through our pledges.

ALL UNITED METHODIST WOMEN MEMBERS: (Standing and in Unison) We will take the spark and keep a fire going all through the year. Giving is a gift of God's grace, and as we accept that gift we are enabled to give more to be healers of the nations and to be in mission throughout the world. The **LOUISIANA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN** pledge \$250,000.00. We have Experienced It. Let Us Pass It On. **Amen.**

REPORT OF REGISTRATION: Kathleen Phillips reported that 440 pre-registered; 46 on site, Friday and 17 on site, Saturday. Total registered for the Annual Conference was 503.

SPECIAL MISSION RECOGNITION PINS Each year special mission recognition pins are given to the newly ordained female diaconal/ministers. This year, the pins were given to: Carol L. Starks; Connie Foster-Breaux; Brunetta A. Shamlin; Barbara M. Hamilton; Rev. Erica Jefferson and Rev. Juliet Deschner.

The chairperson, Kathleen Conrad and Co-Chairperson, Mary Spell for the twenty-second Annual Meeting were also honored with Special Mission Recognition Pins.

OFFERING - The offering was received Undesignated in honor of Christ's Mission through United Methodist Women, **past, present and future.**

MESSAGE CONTINUED - Mary Lou Blakeman continued her message. "We hope to give us keys to finding ways to Pass It On! What will be Passed On? Who will Pass It On? How are we to Pass It On? When are we going to Pass It On? All those questions, so many things to ponder. We learned from the Samaritan woman that one of the keys is we have to accept ourselves as we are. "Do you all have any warts? ...We have to accept those things.We are just like the Samaritan woman at the well. We are sinners, and in God's eyes there are not degrees of sin. We have to accept that, we are not God. ...We are human, we are made in the image of God's. We are not going to do everything right all the time. If we, who are the leaders and the movers and shakers are that way; how much more leeway we need to give to others.Let's care for ourselves in our weaknesses, and support our sisters and our brothers in their hours of need. ...We learned in Ezekiel that someday God may call us to be a prophet. And go to the dry bones, and say, thus said the Lord! hear the word of the Lord!. And the dry bones shall walk. ...We know from the story of Ezekiel we must be renewed. ...We need to be renewed, every single day. ...Singing renews us, coming to meetings renews us, reading the Bible renews us, praying, worshipping, studying, growing, working, tithing. Didn't it bother you, when the treasurer's presentation on yesterday indicated that Louisiana is lowering its pledge? That ought to be a signal to us that there are some 'dry bones' that need to be rattled. "Let's make our pledge, and renew ourselves and go over our reduced pledge! Let's rattle our 'bones.'

In 1979, Mary Lou said she was doing some preparation work on the 100th celebration

of Women in Louisiana for organized mission. She shared a story about a former slave, who was a sharecropper, by the name of Harriet. Harriet did not have much. There were very little financial resources available to her. Mary said that Harriet took a portion of her money that she had earned by selling chickens, some of her butter and eggs and got on the train to go a meeting. The meeting was held at a Methodist Episcopal Church. At the meeting, Harriet asked permission to speak, and when granted, she pulled out a bundle and placed it on the table, and said, 'there is my pledge to mission.' "Surely, we can do no less." ...Let's new ourselves each day. ...We learned from the Jonah that people don't have to change to do God's work!....from the story of Ruth we learned to be faithful. ...We talked about the growing concern in our state, the inability of our children to get a good education, and the number of children who are incarcerated. Mary said that we have to find ways to the support those things are being down right, and make adjustments on those that are not. We have to shape the behaviors slowly. ..In Louisiana we are paying attention to the lawbreakers and not enough attention to the law abiding citizens. ...Mary said that every Wednesday, she gets a new group of children. On the intake application form there is a place to put the religious affiliation, almost all left that section blank. She only found 2 Methodists. "Is it because we hire private lawyers and attorneys?"

....."Do you think those church activities we participated and lead, made a difference in the lives that we have taught? Do you think that Christian love makes a difference? You are not sure, what do you think? Yes, it does. Other denominations do the same things. But one of the things they do not have is United Methodist Women. They also do not have female clergy. It makes a difference when we pay attention to the call of God into our lives. It is for me an appreciation every time someone says a job well. ..We don't have to be ordained to do the work of the Lord! ..We are a great cloud of witnesses.

Mary said that Estelle Dameron is her mentor. Her first mentor was her grandmother who was Catholic. Mary also asked, what do we do with our pins, and the ones from our foremothers? She said that these pins represent our lives, we need to Pass Them On!. This is one way to share your heritage, dig out those pins and Pass Them On! "You are a called people of God." "Pass It ON!" "And the people say, AMEN!" "And the people say, AMEN!" "And the people say, AMEN!"

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS - Janelle McCammon, former Conference President. Janelle told us a story about a little girl whose mother was a part of the Women's Division. The little girl's teacher asked her, "what kind of work does you mother do? The little girl replied, "my mother works for the world." Her little sister asked her, why is mama going to New York? The little girl replied, she is going to meet with those other women who work for the world." Janelle said that the officers who will be installed today are also working for the world, but as United Methodist Women. The officers to be installed are: Gwen Streams-Sherrer, Secretary of Program Resources; Rita Parham, Secretary of Publicity and Public Relations; Annette Fortuna, Coordinator of Christian Personhood; Eloise Cox and Rosalie Pryor, Committee on Nominations; Pat Cobb, President; Fannie P. Reddix, Secretary; Marie Young, Mission Coordinator for Christian Global Concerns and Harriette Elrod, Chairperson, Committee on Membership. After

the officers accepted the responsibility of the office, Janelle shared a story about a little boy. The boy lived in the town of Cremona, Italy during the 17th century. Cremona was noted as a musical center because many outstanding, talented musicians lived there. It seemed that almost everyone could sing or play an instrument. Antonio dreamed of growing up and becoming a fine musician. After trying to sing, and to play an instrument, he found that whittling seemed to be his niche. It was the custom at that time for musicians to play and sing for passers-by on the street, who in turn, would reward the singers with a coin. One day as Antonio whittled and his friends sang, a well-dressed gentleman stopped and requested a special song. As he left, he handed one of the boys a coin,--a gold coin the boys soon discovered. They wanted to know who was the man. Someone answered, "That was Amati, Nicolo Amati, the Greatest Violin maker in all of Italy." Throughout the day and far into the night Antonio thought about Mr. Amati, and how he wanted to be a violin maker, the best in the world. Early the next morning Antonio was sitting on Amati's doorstep, when Amati came out, Antonio approached him and explained that he wanted to learn how to make violins. Amati accepted Antonio as a pupil, and as the

story goes, Antonio Stradivari became the greatest violin maker in the world. "We may not have the talent to do some things as well as others. But God has given all of us a special gift and many talents--not for ourselves alone, but that we may pass them on to help others. "We are here today because we, too have received the greatest of all gifts--the knowledge of God's love revealed to us in Jesus Christ. That knowledge is ours to "Pass It On!" As the continuing officers joined the newly elected officers, Janelle said, "you now have the opportunity to work together, praying for God's Guidance and strength to do his will, knowing that you will be blessed in the doing of it." (The complete ceremony will be filed.)

INVITATION TO 1996 CONFERENCE ANNUAL MEETING - An invitation was extended by Linda Hursey, President of the United Methodist Women of First United Methodist Church in Monroe to host the 1996 Conference Annual Meeting, September 20-21, 1996. The invitation was accepted.

ADJOURNMENT- Following a few brief remarks by the president, and proper action by motion, Pat Cobb declared the Twenty Second Annual Meeting of Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women adjourned.

Fannie P. Reddix, Secretary
Pat Cobb, President

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Service of Holy Communion was held following the adjournment of Annual Meeting. Reverend Deborah Drash the Communion Celebrant, gave the Meditation which dealt with a

creative encountering of the Biblical Text through congregation interaction: "Tangible Evangelism." Each district has specific sounds, or actions, or bible verses to respond to her comments. After the meditation, all participated in the affirmation in unison. It was based on John 4, with selected verses: 3,6,7 and 12-42. The affirmation was based on Hebrews 13:16 -- "Pass It On!" Then a prayer was offered for all. ...She said, "first we are called to our faith in God, second we are called to grow in faith and third, we are called to live our faith in the community. ...We become new individuals every time we drink of it. Pass It On!"

Communion was served by the following ordained ministers: Rev. Arnold Brown; Rev. Clifton Conrad; Rev. Kirby Verrett; Rev. Scott Bullock; Rev. Terry Willis; Rev. Deborah Drash; Rev. Karen Davis and Rev. Ann Sutton.

SHARING THE LIGHT- Mary Lou Blakeman led the sharing of the light, as Kathleen Conrad, Mary Spell and the ministers joined in until everyone in the congregation had a light, as the song, "Sisters Pass It On!" was sung.

EVENTS

DISTRICT ELECTED LEADERS TRAINING (DELT)

This year we were excited to have an overnight DELT with two representatives from the Women's Division leading workshops on **Program Planning** and **Creative Thinking**. The workshops were lead by Felicitas Salazar and Wilodyne Hooper, of the Women's Division. The workshops began Friday after dinner and were concluded after breakfast on Saturday morning.

The Counterpart Training took place on Saturday morning, beginning at 10:00 a.m. and ended with the sending forth from that session.

Joyce Hazel, Chairperson

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE 1995 RETREAT

"Come," my heart says, "seek his face!" Your face, Lord, do I seek.

Psalms 27:8 NSRV)

The 1995 UMW Conference Retreat was held at Tall Timbers Conference Center, Woodworth, February 24, 25 and 26. Betty Ferrington was the Retreat Leader, assisted by Rev. Darlene Moore-James, who was also the Communion Celebrant.

"Through the beauty of the hills, woods and lake; through the solitude of stillness, and sound of nature, ninety-nine participants came "Seeking God's Face." "Those who seek God shall find him," and they did, each in her own way.

The event was planned so that there would be time for meditation and silence; music and celebration; sharing and growing; fellowship and joy. It was a time to put aside the normal world; to be still and listen; to seek and find. Betty and Darlene, with the assistance of other Louisiana United Methodist Women, presented the meditations in five sessions: Prism of Preparation, Prism of Purpose, Prism of Provision, Prism of Promise and Prism of Participation. John and Lisa Fugh, both in their 20's directed the music. Their youthful enthusiasm was a breath of fresh air as they used unique methods of teaching and presenting familiar as well as new music. Norma Winegeart was in charge of registration and housing.

Saturday night was a time of fellowship and surprises. It included a story "hour" when several people strolled down memory lane. This time of laughter and sharing showed up on the Evaluations as "Let's do this again."

The retreat closed on Sunday with the Celebration of Holy Communion and the prayer that we will continue to seek God's face. As we do, we actually participate with God the Father, God the Son and God the Spirit in leading others to say, "Your face, Lord, do I seek."

Seola Callahan, Chairperson

1995 CONFERENCE SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION

The School of Christian Mission was held at Centenary College, July 20-23, 1995. The general theme was "God's Mission in Our Times." The studies and leaders were: Ecclesiastes - Mary Lou Blakeman (Co-Author of textbook); Rev. Arnold Brown; Rev. Marva L. Mitchell; and Rev. Alonzo Campbell. Europe -- Gloria Bennett; Robert Young; Jenny Bell and Gwen Sherrer. United Nations -- Betty Ann Keyes; Mary Morris; Barbara B. Strauss and Joyce Hazel.

Serving as dean and working with the school team, was a wonderful experience.

Betty Carlin, Dean

1996 DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETINGS

Acadiana	October 12	Calvary UMC, Thibodaux
Alexandria	October 5	First UMC, Natchitoches
Baton Rouge	October 5	Zachary UMC, Zachary
Lake Charles	October 5	Henning UMC, Sulphur
Monroe	October 12	St. Paul UMC, Monroe
New Orleans	October 12	Mt. Zion UMC, New Orleans
North Shore	October 5	First UMC, Slidell
Ruston	October 6	Haynesville UMC, Haynesville
Shreveport	October 13	First UMC, Mansfield Co-Hostess - Wesley UMC

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February 15
May 15
August 15
November 15

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